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An Azerbaijani woman in despair tears her hair out in grief after the Armenian militants of the Khanlar region kidnapped her children 40 kms from Gyandza. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Snipers pin down army

Crowds defy Moscow-imposed emergency in Baku

MOSCOW, Jan 21, (Reuter): Nationalist snipers pinned down Soviet troops in the Azerbaijani capital Baku today as vast crowds massed on the streets, defying a Moscow-imposed state of emergency.

The republic's parliament was in emergency session to discuss the crackdown by troops who smashed through nationalist barricades early yesterday morning.

## Iran regrets Baku violence

Serious steps to be taken

NICOSIA, Jan 21, (Agencies):

Iran's cabinet, chaired by

Secretary-General Hamid Ali Ghadri described Sedihi's work as "sacrificial" and "heroic."

The OIC statement said: "The OIC strongly reproves and condemns this series of publications as well as the publicity accorded to it."

### Israeli killed

TYRE, Jan 21, (AP): An Israeli army colonel was killed today in a gun battle with commandos who occupied a house in Israel's self-designed "security zone" in South Lebanon, security sources reported.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the attackers seized the house at 4 pm (1400 GMT) in the village of Yaroun, about 1 mile (1.6 kilometres) north of the Israeli border.

### New Seouli party

SEOUL, Jan 21, (AP): President Roh Tae-woo has agreed to dissolve his governing party to create a new Conservative party in alliance with two moderate opposition groups, political officials said today.

### Three arrested

TAIPEI, Jan 21, (Reuter): Taiwan police have arrested two Arab women and a boy on charges of stealing jewellery worth about \$40,000, a police officer said today.

He identified the suspects as Zahra Hessa, 45, of Bahrain, her 13-year-old son Yousef Mohammad Memana, and Salama A. Hamza, 32, of Dubai. \*\*\*

### Alcohol ban

AMMAN, Jan 21, (AP): Prime Minister Mudar Badran yesterday banned liquor at official gatherings and said the government plans to stop serving liquor aboard Royal Jordanian Airline flights pending a study.

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A spokesman at the Azerbaijani Parliament told Reuters by telephone that the emergency session would discuss the situation in Azerbaijan following the imposition of the state of emergency.

He said sporadic shooting could still be heard in the city.

At least 62 people have died in clashes between residents and troops in Baku, according to official figures.

Unofficial figures by nationalist groups put the death toll at up to 600.

"We have been checking morgues and talking to people," said a spokesman for the Nationalist Popular Front. "The morgues are all full."

Soviet media said shooting continues through the night and morning but Yevgeny Dzhalalov, a Moscow spokesman for the Front, said gunfire was confined late to the Salyansky barracks, site of running battles yesterday.

Several military spokesmen said snipers who had seized apartments opposite the barracks were pinning troops down and preventing them from leaving.

A correspondent for the Communist youth daily Komsomolskaya Pravda said he had counted eight corpses outside the barracks yesterday.

Naftal Najafov, a spokesman for the Front in Baku, said relatives were unable to collect the bodies because of persistent shooting.

Official accounts spoke of fighting in Nakhichevan, an Azerbaijani territory bordering Iran and Turkey where Armenian militants were said to have staged raids on villages.

Nakhichevan, a small autonomous region, declared yesterday that it was seceding from the Soviet Union. Moscow has made no public comment.

Zhaldarov said he believed the republic's Parliament would endorse the introduction of the emergency measures ordered from Moscow in a decree signed by President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The Iranian Speaker questioned why Gorbachev had resorted to violence in Azerbaijan while going to the northern republic of Lithuania personally to discuss its secessionist moves.

"Obviously violence and toughness toward people will end in more serious consequences," Karrubi said.

President Hashemi Rafsanjani met with the Islamic Republic's National Security Council yesterday to discuss the situation in Azerbaijan. Tehran radio reported in a broadcast monitored in Nicosia. It gave no further details.

Moscow sent troops to Baku after fighting flared between the Azerbaijanis and Armenians.

Iraq, said residents of the Soviet city of Lenkoran on the Caspian Sea, 40 kilometres (32 miles) north of the border, had erected barricades at the gates of the city to keep the Soviet military out.

Two helicopters flew over the barricades and fired at the crowd gathered on the road that runs north up the coast from Lenkoran to Baku, it said.

But travellers arriving in the Iranian border town of Astara on the Caspian Sea said the people still controlled Lenkoran, Iraq reported.

The television said that Soviet visitors had bought all the copies of the Holy Quran in bookshops in Ardebil, a large town 60 km (40 miles) southwest of Astara.

Soviet Azeri women asked Iranians for magnates — large headscarves worn widely by Iranian women since the 1979

## 30 die as soldiers fire on Kashmiris

Situation becoming tense and dangerous

JAMMU, India, Jan 21, (Agencies): Troops killed at least 30 protesters in overnight battles with mobs in the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir state, said the fighting tapered off late this afternoon as heavy rains lashed the city.

But gunfire echoed through the deserted streets until evening, one resident said, requesting anonymity.

The troops "are shooting at anything moving," he said. "It is a disastrous situation out there," said Ramesh Kaul, a hotel receptionist in Srinagar.

Officials said it was the worst outbreak of violence in India's only Muslim-majority state.

Rioting broke out in the city yesterday after Indian security forces raided houses, arrested at least 300 people and threatened to shoot curfew-breakers on sight in a new crackdown on Muslim rebels.

Witnesses said much of the city's population of 800,000 appeared to have turned out.

Today violent mobs set fire to a government office and a wooden bridge in Srinagar and two bombs exploded in the city. But there were no casualties, police officials said.

Government-run radio and television repeatedly appealed to people to go home, assuring them there would be no more house searches and arrests.

At least 47 people have been killed in Jammu-Kashmir state since the beginning of the year in violence triggered by Muslim militants demanding independence or union with Islamic Pakistan.

The separatists, led by the Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front, have seized government offices and police officials.

"The situation is tense and dangerous," the state's Chief Secretary, Moosa Raza, said in Jammu.

Moosa Raza said the police dispatched 25 cars with loudspeakers into the city, to appeal to people to honour a curfew. The cars were escorted by heavily armed troops from the paramilitary central reserve police force, he said.

India has long accused Islamabad of directly aiding the militants fighting for Kashmiri independence or accession to Pakistan, but it has recently stepped up the rhetoric.

Pakistan denies training or arming the gunmen and sent Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan to New Delhi today to hammer home the point.

Quyyum, whose government in Muzaffarabad controls everything but defence and foreign affairs in Azad Kashmir, said he was coming under increasing pressure from Kashmiris to take action to help their brethren across the line.

Elections are scheduled in the territory for May, which could inflame already charged emotions.

Asked if he would ever advocate violence, he said: "If the whole area goes up in flames what can we do. I would be part of it. But that would be the last step."

They said protesters recited verses from the Holy Quran. Some took up a chant urging "mujahideen," or Islamic holy warriors, to prepare for the final sacrifice in a showdown with India's Hindu-dominated government.

Jammu-Kashmir's former state chief minister, Farooq Abdullah, issued a statement accusing authorities of letting loose a "reign of terror and repression" in Kashmir.

Abdullah's government resigned Friday to protest the appointment of Dr. Singh as the state's new governor and imposition of government's rule, which means a tighter federal control over the state.

The curfew was one of the first acts of the new governor, Jagmohan, a tough administrator who had cracked down on Kashmiri militants during an earlier stint as the state's governor. Jagmohan, a Hindu who uses one name, took office Friday.

The latest violence in the state erupted shortly before the visit of Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan to the Indian capital, New Delhi today.

## KD85 halts millionaire

A KUWAITI millionaire was recently stopped at the airport from travelling abroad because he had not settled a bill for KD85.

The millionaire, who had planned a business tour, was to board the flight for Europe when officials at the airport found his name on the "banned from travel" list.

The millionaire, apparently had not paid a bill for plumbing to a sanitary company, which had instituted proceedings against him.

Later, when the KD85 bill was settled at the Justice Ministry, officials lifted the ban on travel.



Whose god?

A member of a religious cult displays a photograph of deposed Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos with an inscription saying "Most high god the father" during the burial of Marcos' mother Josefa in Batac, north of Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## Aquino turns down call for snap presidential elections

MANILA, Jan 21, (Reuter): President Corazon Aquino has turned down opposition calls for a snap election in the Philippines, telling her rivals to wait until scheduled presidential polls in 1992 to get a crack at power.

In her weekly radio broadcast today Aquino also said she was determined to prosecute a provincial governor who backed last month's army coup and defied her orders to step down.

He was forcibly evicted from office yester-

day to face charges of rebellion.

"The constitution says the next presidential elections will be held in May 1992. Those who want to be president should run in 1992 and be chosen by our people, and not be installed through force or by calling snap elections," she said.

Last week's visit to Manila by US President George Bush's security adviser, Robert Gates, triggered speculation in the local press that he would suggest snap elections to defuse the political crisis facing her government.

"I instructed them to remain true and loyal to the constitution," she said today. "I told them the country is depending on them to remain loyal to the constitution."

Aquino said the government would take "a very firm position" in prosecuting Cagayan provincial Governor Rodolfo Aguilano whom she had ordered suspended for backing the coup.

"This government is determined to bring justice to those who have betrayed our country," she said. See Page 2

# Aquino, in fighting mood, rejects snap polls

MANILA, Jan 21. (Reuters): President Corazon Aquino has ruled out snap elections as a solution to the political crisis in the Philippines and appears determined to thwart all attempts to remove her before her term ends in 1992.

Aquino, who celebrates her 57th birthday on Thursday, is in fighting mood, and visitors who have met her privately at Malacanang Palace describe her as "very confident" despite a rash of rumours about a fresh attempt to topple her.

Typically, she will spend her birthday launching a programme to combat widespread poverty in the central Philippines.

island of Samar as part of an attempt to refocus government efforts on tackling grassroots problems.

Seven weeks after the sixth and most serious coup attempt against her in almost four years, Aquino's government remains saddled with an image of near-impotence and an inability to deliver the goods, analysts said.

Aquino has warned that the next coup could succeed unless the country rallies to the defence of democracy and constitutional government.

Even among the armed forces are prepared to defend abstract ideas when

there are regular power shortages, widespread corruption, long delays in bureaucracy and the justice system, public transport is inadequate and garbage is allowed to pile up in Manila, Philippine politicians said.

Aquino's problems are daunting.

She faces a divided military, a severely weakened economy, a simmering communist insurgency and a feudal political structure that gives local chiefs extensive power in areas they control.

Since the coup, Aquino has tried to give her government a new lift, reshuffling the cabinet, firing her intelligence chief and

strengthening the presidential office by appointing three co-ordinators with cabinet rank to help run the country.

The impact of capturing four top leaders of the December 1-7 coup was partially offset by the action of the pro-rebel governor of the northern Cagayan province, Rodolfo Aquinaldo, who successfully defied a government order to step down to face rebellion charges.

Police and armed units eventually managed yesterday to install a new governor after a 12-day stand-off.

The daily *Globe* newspaper said in an editorial that Aquinaldo had already done

his work for the rightwing army rebels, who have joined forces with supporters of former President Ferdinand Marcos.

"He has brilliantly completed his mission, which was to demonstrate the impotence of the Aquino government, its isolation from the mainstream military, the inutility of laws ... and the residual power of the rebels after the abortive coup," said the *Globe*, which is published by Aquino's speechwriter.

Aquino has begun a series of meetings with junior military officers to discuss their problems and secure their loyalty in case of a further mutiny.

The rebels, led by ex-colonel Gregorio

Honasan, have accused Aquino of weak leadership and threatened to replace her with a military-civilian junta.

Possibly prompted by concern about the continued spate of coup rumours in the Philippines, President George Bush sent senior foreign policy adviser Robert Gates to Manila to meet Aquino last week.

The arrival of Gates, Bush's deputy national security adviser and a former deputy head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), set tongues wagging about a possible "hidden agenda" from the United States, which helped remove former dictator Marcos in 1986 when Aquino took over.

## Nepali Congress to launch campaign

KATHMANDU, Jan 21. (AP): The largest gathering by an opposition group in 30 years ended yesterday with the outlawed Nepali Congress Party demanding restoration of democratic rights.

The three-day convention was the largest gathering by an opposition party since the existing non-political "panchayat" system was introduced in 1960.

Although the party, like all other political organisations, had been banned for the past three decades, the meeting was held without any government interference.

"Our movement will be for the restoration of full democracy and we will carry out our movement totally in a peaceful manner," the outlawed party's acting president, K.P. Bhattacharya, told newsmen.

A total 3,500 delegates from 73 of the mountainous country's 75 districts attended the convention. Seven Indian parliamentarian observers, headed by Chandra Shekhar of the ruling National Front Alliance, also attended.

### Movement

The convention chose Feb 18 for launching the democracy movement. "It is an auspicious day," Bhattacharya said. On Feb 18, 1951, the Nepali Congress overthrew the 104-year-old Rana family rule.

The Congress plans demonstrations all over the country demanding revival of a Western-style multi-party system.

In May 1985, the Nepali Congress launched a peaceful anti-government movement with demands for more democratic rights. But Congress leaders stopped that campaign in response to terrorist bombing in several parts of the city that killed several people and injured several others.

The bombings were the work of a revolutionary group with no links to the Nepali Congress.

### Resolution

In a concluding resolution the party blamed the monarchy for the country's economic malaise and seeking world-wide support for their efforts.

"The country is sliding down hill economically and as a result, the country has become one of the poorest in the world," the resolution said.

"They (the government) have left nothing unturned to destroy the democratic movement," the statement said. "This has compelled us to take some concrete action in the country to carry out our responsibility, to be able to work for the cause of the people."

The Nepali Congress, considered the kingdom's largest opposition group, has socialist leanings and has waged a 29-year struggle for restoration of political parties banned since 1960.

### Rejected

The Nepali Congress initially rejected communist calls for united action in seeking political reform but since has decided to join the communists in seeking a multi-party system.

"Everybody now realises that without democracy you cannot do anything, let alone propagate a multi-party system in Nepal," the opposition party's most senior leaders, Ganesh Man Singh, said in an interview. "Everybody now realises there should be democracy. All are now aware unity in action is now needed."

About 7,000 supporters rallied outside the opposition party's opening session Thursday in one of the largest mass meetings in the Nepalese capital in recent memory, but government officials took no action to disrupt the session.

The opposition party leaders claimed, however, that about 20 of their delegates were detained without charge earlier in the week before they could travel to Kathmandu.

### Protest

In a protest of Indian support for the opposition movement, three pro-government Nepali politicians delivered a written complaint Friday to Chandra Shekhar, the senior leader of the Janata Dal, a constituent of the National Front government in India, at his hotel room in Kathmandu.

## Marcos mother entombed at last

### Calls for reconciliation

BATAC, Philippines, Jan 21. (AP): The body of Ferdinand Marcos' mother was temporarily entombed today, 20 months after she died, ending a vigil by supporters of the late president who had hoped mother and son could be reunited in death.

Marcos supporters used the entombment of Josefina Edralin-Marcos, who died May 4, 1988 at age 95, to denounce the government of President Corazon Aquino and to call for national reconciliation.

About 1,000 people, including local officials, gathered at the home of Mrs Edralin-Marcos who was placed in a glass-and-wood structure behind the Marcos family home, where she had been lying in state.

"We don't want a political colour to this ceremony," said Rev. Domingo Nebres, who had officiated at the entombment of Marcos in Hawaii last October.

"We want a loving tribute to Dona Josefina ... She is a woman who did not construct monuments that can be destroyed later but was the mother of a president who served us for 20 years to protect our country from communistic hands."

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## Bhopal accord will be ditched

BHOPAL, Jan 21. (AP): Prime Minister V.P. Singh told survivors of the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster today that his government would scrap the \$470 million

settlement with Union Carbide. He also announced before a crowd estimated at 100,000 people that his government would pursue criminal charges and the \$3 billion originally sought from the US-based multinational.

"We believe there can be no deal over human corpses," Singh said, referring to the settlement accepted last year by the Indian Supreme Court and the government of then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Huge crowds greeted Singh on his first visit to Bhopal, where more than 3,000 people were reported killed or fatally injured Dec. 3, 1984, when poison gas leaked from a Union Carbide storage tank nearby.

A flower garland was draped around Singh's neck and people in the crowd knelt to touch his feet as the prime minister walked among huts of bamboo, mud brick and cardboard in the shantytown near the now-closed plant.

At the huge public rally, Singh declared: "We have decided to do away with the settlement and pursue the \$3 billion suit against the company and also the criminal suit against UCC (Union Carbide) officials."

He promised that his government would provide interim relief to all persons affected by the tragedy, saying the money to be paid would be determined within a month.

"They (government) are afraid of the fierce loyalty of the Ilocos Norte people, and involve all organisations to provide succour to the survivors," Singh declared.

The prime minister, who took over from Rajiv on Dec. 2, did not provide specifics as to how his government would re-open the legal case in the world's deadliest industrial disaster.

Last Feb. 15, the Supreme Court accepted a \$470 million settlement as "full and final" in connection with a government lawsuit, which had been dragging through the Indian courts for about four years.

The Rajiv government had originally sought \$3 billion in damages and later filed criminal negligence charges against top officials of Union Carbide Corp. and its local subsidiary, Union Carbide of India Ltd.

When Union Carbide and the Rajiv government agreed on the lesser amount of \$470 million, the Supreme Court absolved the Danbury, Connecticut-based company of further civil or criminal liability.

Several elderly women in the crowd wept during the ceremony. Others wore Marcos campaign T-shirts from the 1986 election against Mrs Aquino.

After her death in Manila, Mrs Edralin-Marcos' body was brought to this town in Ilocos Norte province, where Marcos supporters hoped to use it as a rallying point to pressure the government into allowing the body of the former president to be returned for the burial.

After Marcos died, his relatives urged the government to allow the return of the body for a joint burial of mother and son.

Mrs Aquino, however, cited national security in refusing the request. She also barred members of Marcos' immediate family from returning home.

Vice-President Salvador Laurel's wife, Cecilia, who attended the services, described the ban on Marcos' body as "oppressive and strong."

Conrado Estrella, Marcos' former agriculture minister, said the refusal to allow Marcos' body to return was "a betrayal of reconciliation."

The death of Dona Josefina and President Marcos will open the eyes of the people ... we will continue to fight for the return of the body of President Marcos to the country."

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Punjab is crying

A woman and child mourn in Bawianwali Balagan, a Punjab village near the Pakistan border, after the deaths of some of their relatives who were among

eight people killed when Sikh extremists attacked the village. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Rajneesh died of 'poisoning'

### Followers flock to Pune commune

NEW DELHI, Jan 21. (AP): Thousands of followers of Indian guru Osho Rajneesh flocked to his commune yesterday to celebrate his spirit's release through death, which aides alleged was caused by poisoning in US jails.

Rajneesh, 58, who advocated free love, died at his headquarters in the city of Pune on Friday. Commune spokesman Swami Chaitanya Kirti said at least 15,000 followers visited the centre yesterday, chanting mantras, meditating and dancing to mark the freeing of his spirit from its earthly manifestation.

"There was too much of a rush," Kirti said in a telephone interview. "They celebrated. They came to hear Osho's last words."

The spokesman said the guru's last message, communicated through his doctor, said he would be always among his followers.

"Never speak of me in the past tense," Rajneesh said in his last message, according to Kirti. "My presence here will be greater without the presence of my tor-

tured body."

Rajneesh died of a heart attack. But a press statement released yesterday said he died because "living in the body had become a hell" after it was allegedly poisoned when he was in US jails.

"In his final message Osho said that since the days in jail in Charlotte, North Carolina, his body has been deteriorating," the statement, read out to the Associated Press by telephone.

"While he was in Oklahoma county jail, he was poisoned with heavy metal thallium. They exposed him to radiation in a way that it (the alleged poisoner) will not leave any proof," the statement said.

"Osho had said he had kept the pain to himself but living in the body had become a hell," the statement said.

Rajneesh returned to his native India when he was deported from the United States in 1985, after pleading guilty to violating federal immigration laws by arranging sham marriages.

Rajneesh, with full gray beard and hypnotic gaze, drew tens of thousands of seekers to his commune each year, ranging from latter-day hippies to an Indian movie star.

He switched from using the honorific Hindu word for God, "Bhagwan," a year ago in favour of the Buddhist term Osho, which means "on whom the heavens shower flowers."

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**Philippine Muslim rebels deny killing Swiss Red Cross worker**

Villanueva, quoting local residents, said Berweger and his group identified themselves as Red Cross workers but the gang of boys, armed with automatic rifles and dressed in fatigues, "did not seem to understand what the Red Cross means," what it's all about.

Berweger was shot in the neck when he and his group tried to flee, survivors said.

Government forces have launched a manhunt for the killers, a military spokesman said.

### Philippine Muslim rebels deny killing Swiss Red Cross worker

COTABATO, Philippines, Jan 21. (Reuters): Muslim separatists denied involvement today in the murder of a Swiss Red Cross official and a Filipino companion in the southern Philippines

## Star of classics Barbara is dead

SANTA MONICA, California, Jan 21, (UPI): Actress Barbara Stanwyck, star of such movie classics as "Stella Dallas," "Double Indemnity" and "Sorry Wrong Number," died of heart failure Saturday at the age of 82.

Stanwyck, nominated for four Oscars, never won an Academy Award for her acting, but she received a special Academy Award for her long and distinguished career in 1982.

Stanwyck hospitalized for several weeks due to reactions to changing medications for her recurring back problems, died at 5 pm at St. John's Hospital of heart failure, a hospital spokesman said.

Larry Kleno, Stanwyck's publicist for 20 years, said seven people were at the actress' bedside at the time of her death, including Nancy Sinatra Sr., Nancy Sinatra Jr., nephew Eugene Vassett and his wife, niece Kathleen Carr, grand-niece Christian Patten, as well as Kleno.

### Orphan

The publicist said the Sinatras were long-time family friends of the actress. Stanwyck injured her back three years ago, just prior to receiving an American Film Institute award, Kleno said.

Stanwyck, born July 16, 1907, was a Brooklyn orphan who became a chorus girl at 15 and later a Hollywood legend whose acting career spanned nearly 60 years.

After being passed over for an Academy Award four times, the Academy awarded her a special Oscar for her long and distinguished career in 1982.

On April 9, 1987, the veteran of 88 movies and more than 200 hours of TV shows received the American Film Institute's life achievement award.

### Ovation

Stanwyck, hospitalized for a week with a spinal fracture, arrived by ambulance and appeared only at the end of the 3 1/2-hour ceremony — to an ovation by 2,000 celebrities and show business luminaries.

"I want to thank the American Film Institute for this wonderful evening," Stanwyck said. "My first films were bombs and I decided to go back to the theatre. But a man at Columbia (studios) saw something. And thank God for Frank Capra, who asked me to star in another film and taught me all about films from beginning to end. That's why I'm here tonight."

The actress, whose long red hair turned to silvery silver over the years, was moved to Frank Capra's seat to Robert Taylor, and her list of leading men read like a who's who of Hollywood.

Among her movies were "Stella Dallas" in 1937, "Ball of Fire" in 1942, "Double Indemnity" in 1944 and "Sorry, Wrong Number" in 1948, for which she won Oscar nominations.

### Leading men

Her leading men included Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, Glenn Ford, Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, William Holden, John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart, Henry Fonda, Errol Flynn and Robert Taylor, to whom she was married for 11 years.

In 1966, she received the annual Screen Actors Guild Award for outstanding achievement. The presentation was made by Ronald Reagan, then Governor of California.

Stanwyck was honoured by the Film Society of Lincoln Centre in New York in 1981.

Academy Award winner for her 1960s television series "The Big Valley," Stanwyck won the honour again for her role in the 1983 mini-series "The Thorn Birds" with Richard Chamberlain. In 1985 she starred as the family matriarch in the weekly series "The Colbys."

Born Ruby Stevens in Brooklyn, NY on July 16, 1907, the youngest of five children, Stanwyck was orphaned at the age of 4. She was alternately cared for by her chorus girl sister, Mildred, and foster families.

### Chorus girl

She became a chorus girl herself at 15, working in New York cabarets and a bit in the Ziegfeld "Follies." A friend introduced her to Willard Mack, a playwright, producer, director and actor, who hired her for one of his shows, "The Noose." It was a hit, and during that engagement that Ruby Stevens became Barbara Stanwyck.

The name came from an old playbill advertising "Jane Stanwyck in Barbara Fritchie." The combination became Barbara Stanwyck.

In New York, the actress met and married entrepreneur Frank Fay. Convinced of his wife's talent, Fay took her to Hollywood and helped her get a screen test.

Eventually Fay's contacts led to a role in the 1930 movie "Ladies Of Leisure."

In later years she lived alone in a small house in Beverly Hills and devoted herself to her career, appearing in television shows, and starring in a series, "The Big Valley." She was considered something of a loner, was rarely seen at night clubs or even dinner parties.

File photo of Barbara Stanwyck. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Born On the Fourth Of July named best Golden Globe awards



Pfeiffer and Cruise pose with awards. (Reuter wirephoto)

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Jan 21, (AP): "Born On the Fourth Of July," the powerful Vietnam drama, won for best director and screenplay Saturday night at the 47th annual Golden Globe Awards ceremony.

Ron Kovic, the disabled veteran whose story was the basis for the movie, received a standing ovation in accepting the screenwriter award with co-writer and director Oliver Stone at the 47th annual Golden Globe Awards.

Injured in the war 22 years ago to the day, Kovic said in his acceptance speech that when he was shot, "I didn't even know if I was going to get off the field and live. This is the happiest day of my life."

The film, a chronicle of Kovic's transformation from a patriotic soldier to a war protester, was 12 years in the making.

### Right thing

"On nights like this, for just one fleeting moment, you know you did the right thing," Stone said in accepting the best director award.

"Driving Miss Daisy," a movie about a southern spinner's relationship with her black chauffeur, collected three awards, including best musical or comic motion picture.

Another multiple movie winner was the animated film, "The Little Mermaid," winner for best original score and best original song.

Michelle Pfeiffer was named best actress in a dramatic motion picture for "The Fabulous Baker Boys."

Italy's "Cinema Paradiso" was named best foreign language film.

Julie Roberts, from "Steel Magnolias," was chosen as best supporting actress in a movie, while Denzel Washington won best supporting actor in a movie for "Glory."

In the television competition, the CBS network series "Murphy Brown" won as best musical or comic television series and "Lonesome Dove" won for best mini-series or television movie. Robert Duvall also won for best actor in a mini-series or TV movie for "Lonesome Dove."

Diane English, the executive producer of "Murphy Brown," accepted her trophy in the international ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel with the decoration from her dinner salad in her hand.

### Unprepared

"Obviously, we're totally unprepared for this because I brought my dinner up here," English said, holding aloft what appeared to be a real frog, somehow preserved.

Other early winners were Ted Danson for his role on the television situation comedy "Cheers," and Jamie Lee Curtis for her role in "Anything But Love."

Director Spike Lee and actors

Billy Crystal, Jessica Lange, Michelle Pfeiffer were among the celebrities cheered by celebrity-seekers who gathered outside the event, widely viewed as a harbinger of the Academy Awards.

Vietnam war veteran Ron Kovic, whose story was the basis of "Born On the Fourth Of July" was joined by actor Tom Cruise, who portrayed Kovic in the film, considered one of the favourites among the films nominated.

### Contenders

Other contenders for the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globes included the movies "Glory," "When Harry Met Sally..." and "Driving Miss Daisy."

The Academy Award nominations won't be announced until Feb 14, but the Golden Globe list again shapes up as a likely measuring stick for Oscar consideration.

Last year, for example, "Rain Man" took two top Golden Globes and went on to dominate the Academy Awards. The Golden Globes also play a key role in advertising campaigns for winning movies.

Hosts Cybill Shepherd and Sam Elliott presided over the Golden Globe ceremonies, which were broadcast on cable television. The awards include 24 trophies — 13 for movies and 11 for television.

"Born On the Fourth Of July," director Oliver Stone's gripping account of how a soldier's patriotic beliefs are exploded in the Vietnam war, had five nominations.

## Tax Queen: Poll

### 100 more years for monarchy

LONDON, Jan 21, (Kuna): Only half the British people think the monarchy in the UK will survive the next 100 years, according to a new poll published in the Sunday Times here.

And three quarters of those asked in the Mori survey thought the British Queen Elizabeth should pay income tax and the community charge, (rates).

The queen is exempted from paying any taxes and is dubbed the richest woman in the world.

Around 88 per cent of those polled thought Prince Charles, the heir apparent, would make a good king, and 47 per cent thought the queen (63) should abdicate in his favour one day.

Two thirds thought a monarch's eldest child should succeed to the UK throne regardless of sex.

The survey showed the enduring popularity enjoyed by the royal family, despite the controversies and publicity that have pursued it in the last decade.

The Queen Mother (89), mother of Queen Elizabeth, emerges as Britain's favourite royal, followed by the Queen herself and the Prince of Wales.

## Gambler surrenders to FBI keeping his promise

LOS ANGELES, Jan 21, (AP): A former armored car guard kept his promise and has surrendered to the FBI, two years to the day after he says he stole \$651,000.

"America is a great country," Edward Leigh Hunt Jr., 26, said as federal agents hustled him away Saturday.

Hunt — who said he gambled away the booty during his two years on the run following the Jan 20, 1988, Philadelphia holdup — said in a Dec 20 letter to his hometown paper, the Wilmington (Delaware) News Journal, that he would give himself up.

As promised, he showed up at midday Saturday in

front of the downtown Los Angeles junior chamber of commerce. Shirtless and wearing blue jeans and brown leather shoes, Hunt walked to the middle of a street, raised his arms and surrendered to four FBI agents.

"Clear the way," the agents barked at reporters and camera crews as they led Hunt, looking pale and frightened beneath wet shoulder-length hair, inside the chamber building.

Several youths who identified themselves only as friends of Hunt applauded and yelled, "Yeah, Lee," and "Let him speak," as he was led inside.



Lange at Globe ceremony

American actress Jessica Lange talks to reporters as she arrives at the Golden Globe Awards ceremony Jan 20. Lange has been nominated for

Best Actress in a Drama for her role in the film "The Music Box."

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

FAIRFAX, Virginia: A 5-year-old boy trapped 40 minutes in an icy drainage reservoir has died at a Virginia hospital, four days after his lifeless body was pulled from the pond and doctors revived the child.

George Sader died Friday at Fairfax hospital from a lack of oxygen to the brain, a hospital spokesman said.

The boy was brought to the facility Monday afternoon after falling into the drainage reservoir, but he never regained consciousness and breathed with the help of a respirator.

"Our heart goes out to the family at this difficult time," hospital spokeswoman Mary Stuart Rizk said. "The family was at his side when he died, she said.

The child's temperature had dropped to 90 degrees F (32 C) and his heart had stopped beating when he was pulled from the reservoir behind a row

of townhouses in Centreville, which is 20 miles (32 km) west of Washington, DC. Two older cousins had fallen in with him but were not seriously hurt. (UPI)

LOS ANGELES: Best-selling author Stephen King was sued in superior court Friday by a partnership that claims the writer should pay the cost of defending a French copyright infringement lawsuit over the 1987 film based on King's book, "The Running Man."

In the suit, Great American Entertainment Co., previously known as Taff Entertainment Metro Pictures/Keith Releif Productions, seeks to recover the cost of defending "The Running Man" in a copyright infringement case in France.

King wrote "The Running Man" under the pseudonym of Richard Bachman in 1982 and sold the rights in 1983. Two years later Great American

obtained the rights and made a film based on the book in 1987.

In October 1988, a French court decided that the 1987 American film had violated the copyright of a French film, "Le Prix de Dange" and awarded the French plaintiffs one-half the producer's share of monies derived from the distribution of "The Running Man" in France, the suit said. (UPI)

BRUSSELS: Belgians, whose country has one of the highest concentrations of nuclear power stations in the world, could be issued soon with iodine anti-radiation pills in case of disaster.

A spokeswoman for Belgian public health authorities told Reuters on Friday of plans to issue the pills to private homes, schools and factories as part of a civil disaster plan. The Interior Ministry has yet to approve the measure.

Iodine helps fight the effects of nuclear fall-out.

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# Barry finally faces reality

WASHINGTON, Jan 21, (AP): Marion Shepilov Barry Jr., mayor of the US capital, used to brag that he was the fellow who hadn't been caught, while many of his chums and associates, even a former wife, had gone to jail.

He had his vices, he acknowledged. But, as he told the Los Angeles Times in a memorable barroom interview just a month ago: "I'm not stupid enough to have done the things they accuse me of. God gave me a good brain."

"What I have done," he said, "nobody knows about, because I don't get caught."

## Cocksure

In that same conversation, Marion Barry, 53, had pronounced himself politically "invincible" after 11 years as mayor. And for few moments Friday, he seemed just as cocksure when he was led into a federal courtroom to be arraigned on a misdemeanor charge of possession of crack cocaine — the very drug that is the scourge of the city and has turned it into the nation's murder capital.

With a dignified stride, he headed for the table marked "defendant" and, with rock-steady nerves, poured a glass of water to the brim. He teased a courtroom artist, who was focusing on him through tiny binoculars, by encasing his own brain.

Then the magistrate noted that, if convicted, Marion Barry could go to jail for a year. Suddenly, the mayor's facial muscles betrayed him. The cool smile vanished, replaced by clenched teeth. Perhaps only then had reality sunk in.

Despite numerous allegations of drug abuse, womanising, mystery trips and inattention to the city's business, Barry had planned to announce his candidacy for a fourth term as mayor today.

Backed by a city political machine rivaling that of the late Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, few would have ruled out a victory — even with the prospect that Washington's other prominent black leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, was himself eyeing the office.

## In tears

No more, Barry, in tears, yielded day-to-day control of the city government on Friday to a deputy, Carol B. Thompson, saying he wanted to devote his time to preparing his defence. The government's case against him includes a positive urine test for cocaine and a videotape that allegedly shows him buying and smoking crack in a hotel room occupied by a long-time girl friend who co-operated with the FBI.

A close adviser to Barry said yesterday the mayor planned to enter a substance abuse treatment programme, and a local television station reported that decisions about whether he would run for re-election were on hold for at least 30 days.

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## Loss for words

But, while Jackson, rarely at a loss for words, held his tongue over the mayor's arrest, others felt pushed over the brink. Especially in the schools, where Barry, like Jackson, routinely preached against the evils of cocaine, the sense of betrayal erupted in shouts of pain and despair.

Among community and political allies, the dismay extended to another question as well. That was how a man who prides himself on his intelligence, and who was already under scrutiny for alleged drug use, could have walked into such a trap?

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Record set for angioplasty

Cesar Portillo holds daughter Alyssa Jan 16 after doctors performed successful angioplasty procedure on the baby Jan 11, in what they believe to be the smallest baby to undergo the operation.

Valencia Portillo gave birth to twins after 30 weeks of pregnancy. Alyssa was diagnosed to have blockage of the aorta causing heart failure. Doctors performed an emergency angioplasty. (Rauter wirephoto)

# Barco hints at flexibility

## Amnesty rejected

BOGOTA, Jan 21, (AP): Colombian President Virgilio Barco has for the first time said the government would be flexible in its struggle against drug traffickers.

"The (anti-drug) policy of the government, which must enforce the law, is flexible because the law itself offers alternatives without departing from the constitutional order," said the President in a message published yesterday in Bogota's *El Tiempo* newspaper.

It is simplistic to believe that the only two alternatives are either blind, obstinate repression or an open, indefinite dialogue with the criminals."

The latest message was the second in less than eight hours to respond to Wednesday's communiqué by the Medellin cartel admitting defeat before the government's anti-drug offensive. The cartel offered to abandon the cocaine trade, to lay down its arms and to release its hostages in exchange for unspecified "constitutional and legal guarantees."

Several Colombian newspapers and politicians have said the traffickers are using veiled language to ask for two things — an end to extradition and an amnesty for past crimes.

The government appears to have rejected an amnesty. Barco said yesterday the mayor planned to enter a substance abuse treatment programme, and a local television station reported that decisions about whether he would run for re-election were on hold for at least 30 days.

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## \$3.5m lotto prize shared

### Widow strikes it rich

HELENA, Montana, Jan 21, (AP): Katherine Summers mined the Hills West of Helena for 30 years, but it was in a Missoula grocery store that she finally struck it rich.

The 78-year-old widow is the state's first jackpot winner in Lotto America, sharing a \$3.5 million prize in yesterday's drawing with a Wisconsin man.

Mrs Summers said Monday she plans to use her \$1.75 million in winnings to do some prospecting for gold in Alaska. She wants to buy a small van and head north for the summer to visit relatives and "pan the beaches at Nome."

Next winter she has her sights set on Australia and New Zealand. Beyond that, Mrs Summers is not sure how she will spend the estimated \$70,000-a-year after-tax winnings.



Chamorro campaigns while sitting in a wheelchair. (Reuter wirephoto)

## US ambassador to Gambia killed

GREENSBURGH, New York, Jan 21, (UPI): Ruth Washington, a former federal magistrate sworn in last month as the US Ambassador to Gambia was killed yesterday in an alcohol-related car accident just a half-mile (800 m) from her home.

Washington's car collided with a vehicle driven by Angela Pessessa, who suffered multiple injuries in the head-on wreck and was listed in critical condition, said Sgt. Robert Brown.



Chamorro campaigns while sitting in a wheelchair. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Documents may favour Noriega

## Ex-dictator worked to cut drug flow: claim

MIAMI, Jan 21, (UPI): A lawyer for deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega said Saturday that documents which may have fallen into the hands of the US government could prove crucial to the former strongman's defence.

The government was under orders Saturday to preserve documents and other items belonging to Noriega and to begin an inventory of that property. The documents, according to the defence, show that Noriega worked to reduce the flow of drugs into the United States.

US magistrate William Turnoff directed the government Friday to prepare the inventory after a defence attorney for Noriega filed a motion indicating that some of the documents may prove favourable to the defence.

## Charges likely

### Women soldiers

WASHINGTON, Jan 21, (AP): US military authorities are examining possible charges against two female soldiers who refused to drive other soldiers into downtown Panama City at the peak of the US invasion, according to defence sources.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the women "feared for their lives" in the mission, which involved ferrying troops into the sniper-filled city after sunrise on the first day of the invasion.

"Tears were involved," said one source.

The source cautioned that although charges may be considered for such a thing as disobeying a direct order, that does not mean that any would be brought.

Army policy bars women from being sent into combat, but some 600 women were among the troops who invaded Panama on Dec 20 to oust Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

These women were members of units assigned "support" functions, not front-line combat roles, even though some of their assignments resulted in females coming under fire.

Capt. Linda Bray has gotten wide publicity for leading a military police company engaged in a firefight before capturing a Panamanian defence forces barracks and dog kennel.

A Defence Department spokesman, Lt Cmdr Ken Satterfield, declined to comment on the report that the women broke down in tears and refused to drive into a combat area. He said he was unable to speculate on any possible charges being brought against the two women.

"US Army officials are looking into the incident and will determine what action, if any, is appropriate in the best interests of the army and the individuals concerned," Satterfield said.

Asked about the details of the incident, the spokesman said the two female soldiers "were unable to make a trip to drive combat soldiers" in the early morning hours of Dec 20.

The two women were drivers assigned to the 193rd support battalion, he said.

The women belonged to a battalion that was supposed to provide support to all army units normally assigned to Panama, as well as the reinforcements brought in for the operation, Satterfield said.



Gotti listens to opening remarks Jan 20 during his trial. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Mafia boss Gotti a bully

NEW YORK, Jan 21, (UPI): Reputed mafia boss John Gotti, a "bully" who ordered the shooting of a union leader to avenge the trashing of a mob-linked restaurant because "he couldn't allow a challenge to go unpunished," a prosecutor charged yesterday.

The remarks in state supreme court in Manhattan marked the beginning of the assault and conspiracy trial for Gotti, who prosecutors claim is "the head of the Gambino crime family," America's largest and most powerful underworld organization.

"They rule by terror and intimidation," assistant district attorney Michael Chernick told the seven-woman, five-man jury.

He pointed at Gotti, who calmly gazed ahead from the defence table, wearing a black pin-striped double-breasted suit, red and black patterned tie and diamond pinky ring.

"He controls the Gambinos with an iron fist," said Chernick in his opening statement in the packed courtroom.

Gotti, 49, is charged with ordering the May 1986 shooting and wounding of John O'Connor, a carpenter union official.

His co-defendant, Anthony "Tony Lee" Guerrieri, 60, a reputed Gambino soldier, is accused of helping plan the hit, which was carried out by the Westies, a murderous Irish gang from the Hell's Kitchen area of New York City anxious to carry favour with the Gambinos.

The shooting came about four months after a union goon squad vandalized a Gambino-linked restaurant to protest the use of non-union labour.

"Like any bully, he couldn't allow a challenge to go unpunished," said the soft-spoken, Lanky Chernick.

Key evidence in the government's case are tapes of secretly recorded conversations at Gotti's alleged headquarters, the Bergin Hunt and Fish Club.

# 'A rally of hate'

ATLANTA, Jan 21, (AP): Four white supremacists demonstrated near the gravesite of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. yesterday, as more than 2,500 police and national guard troops kept counter-demonstrators at a distance.

The Mississippi-based leader of the Nationalist Movement, Richard Barrett, was accompanied by three supporters as he read statements reviling King at the King National Historic site, across the street from the civil rights leader's tomb.

"That grave is not a threat. That corpse is not a king. We are here to bury a tyranny," Barrett said. His group left with a police escort less than an hour later, to jeans from about 75 mostly young and racially mixed counter-demonstrators who gathered in fog and drizzle.

Plans for what President George Bush denounced Friday as a "rally of hate" caused the adjacent Martin Luther King Jr. Centre for Nonviolent Social Change to close for the day.

## Chamorro back on campaign trail after surgery

SAN RAFAEL DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Jan 21, (AP): The top opposition presidential candidate returned to the campaign trail yesterday, after knee surgery, promising prosperity and to ban the military draft.

"With your vote, you can say goodbye to the obligatory military service (draft) and to inflation forever," Violeta Barrios de Chamorro told about 3,000 people gathered at the main square and on the steps of a church in this southern Nicaraguan town.

The 60-year-old Chamorro addressed the crowd from the back of a pickup truck while

sitting in a wheelchair and wearing a cast on her leg.

Mrs. Chamorro, the candidate of the United National Opposition, or UNO, is the principal challenger to President Daniel Ortega, who is seeking another six-year term as the Sandinista Front candidate in the Feb 25 general elections.

The Sandinistas came to power in 1979 after leading a revolution that ousted authoritarian President Anastasio Somoza. US-backed Nicaraguan rebels, known as Con-

tras, have been fighting to overthrow the government since the early 1980s. There has been little military action since many of the rebels retreated to base camps in neighbouring Honduras after US military aid was cut off on Feb 3, 1988.

While the Sandinista Front has handed out thousands of campaign items, including T-shirts, cigarette lighters and baseball caps, most of the UNO propaganda is graffiti on city walls.

Clothing, even a T-shirt, is expensive for most Nicaraguans.

## Bush's 1st year ups and downs

WASHINGTON, Jan 21, (AP): George Bush has reason to smile as he enters the second year of his presidency. His standing in the polls is at phenomenal heights, Manuel Antonio Noriega is in US custody, and communists governments in Eastern Europe are toppling.

"I'm finishing with a bit of a glow," Bush acknowledged at year's end.

Bush's public approval ratings exceed 70 per cent in some polls — higher than his predecessor, Ronald Reagan, ever achieved.

But as Bush well knows, president before him have enjoyed the glow of favourable circumstances only to suffer the sudden chill of events gone sour. It remains to be seen whether his popularity is as deep as it is broad.

Assessments of Bush's first year in office were predictably glowing from such partisans as White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, who said: "It wasn't an easy year. George Bush just made it seem easy."

But he also earned less partisan praise.

Stuart Eizenstat, a domestic policy advisor to former President Jimmy Carter, said Bush got off to "a very rocky start" with surprising difficulties in filling key positions, including a losing battle to get John Tower confirmed as Defence Secretary.

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The government said it also re-established an entry visa requirement for Haitians returning from abroad "to prevent the infiltration of terrorist agents." The practice, abolished shortly after dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier was ousted in 1986, often was used to screen Haitians returning home.

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The United States deplored the actions by the government, saying they "put at risk the democratic transition in Haiti." The State Department urged the Haitian government to rescind his actions and reiterate its commitment to free elections.

Privately owned Radio Antilles said police earlier yesterday arrested De Ronceray and Louis Roy, a well-known civic leader who founded the Haitian Red Cross and is co-author of the 1987 constitution. Roy's nephew, Jean-Claude Roy, confirmed the arrest.

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## US navy quietly starts using ELF communication system

CLAM LAKE, Wisconsin, Jan 21, (AP): A 15-mile (24-kilometre) antenna strung out like a giant cross in the Chequamegon National Forest quietly sends radio messages to missile-guided submarines patrolling deep waters around the world.

The US navy began using the \$400-million ELF system last fall, replacing smaller transmitters that had been sending messages to missile-equipped submarines since the late 1960s.

The earlier project went through despite years of protests based on fears that the low-frequency radio waves would fry fish in nearby streams and produce two-headed squirrels.



Kissed goodbye

An American ground crew member kisses the SR-71 'Blackbird' goodbye Jan 18 as it prepared for its final takeoff from RAF Mildenhall. The spy plane flew home to California after being retired following budget cut and improvements in East-West relations. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Haiti declares a state of siege

### Opposition leaders rounded up

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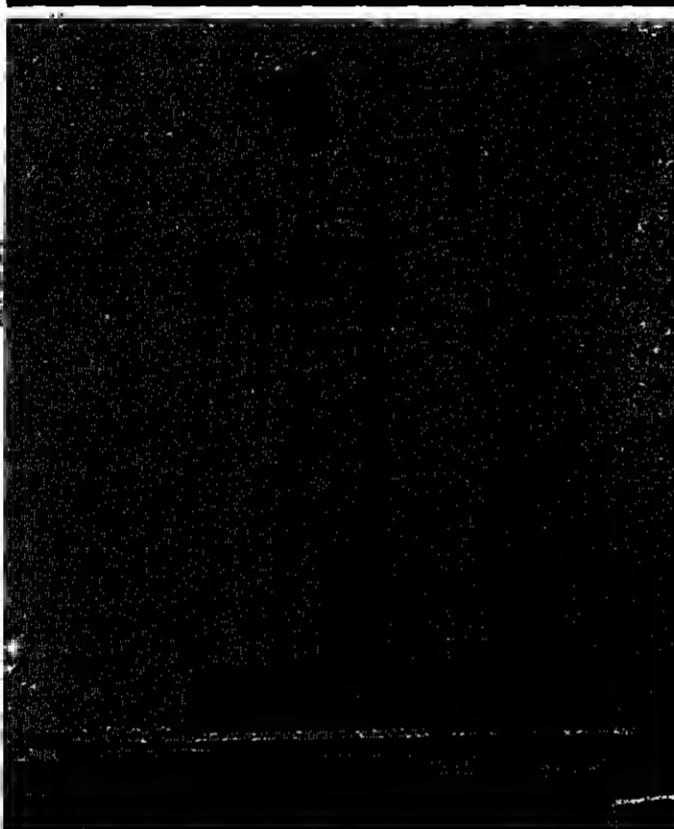
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Ariane rocket sits on its launching pad. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Countdown starts for Ariane launch

KOUROU, French Guiana, Jan 21, (AP): The countdown began yesterday at the European Space Agency's jungle launch site for the firing of an Ariane-4 rocket, carrying a French earth observation satellite and several microsatellites for American and British customers.

The 35th liftoff of an Ariane rocket was set for 0135 to 0145 GMT today from the launch pad on the northern coast of South America. It was to be the first time that the latest and most sophisticated version of the successful unmanned rocket, the Ariane-4, would fly without extra strap-on boosters.

Ariane space flights have become routine, and the reliability of the craft has made Ariane the world's leading provider of commercial launch services, holding more than 50 per cent of the international market.

The launch of the European rocket comes one day after the successful conclusion of the 11-day voyage of the US space shuttle Columbia. The shuttle, carrying a crew of five, landed early yesterday morning after overcoming bad weather and computer problems.

The Ariane-4 was set to carry into sun synchronous orbit the Spot-2 earth observation satellite, designed by France's national space agency and manufactured by companies in Belgium and Sweden under the direction of the French defence and aeronautics company, Matra.

From an altitude of 800 kilometres (497 miles), the satellite will photograph the earth with a resolution down to 10 metres (32 feet) in black-and-white and 20 metres (65 feet) in colour. Images will be transmitted to one of 12 earth stations located on five continents.

The new satellite was designed to replace Spot-1, which is still flying and has sent back more than one million photographs of the Earth since it was launched Feb 22, 1986.

that penetrate water. The system permits submarines to prowl undetected by radar while receiving messages several hundred feet under water.

The antenna — two strands of cable strung on wooden poles — and a transmitter are hacked into the forest atop 20,000 feet (6,000 metres) of buried rock near Clam Lake, a quite touristy way.

Bears frequently climb on the poles and snowmobiles glide through a corridor carved in the trees.

Jerry Holter and his wife, Tish, both 60, live

## Atlantis to carry CIA spy satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Jan 21, (UPI): A secret nighttime launch of the shuttle Atlantis scheduled for late February will carry a 37,300-pound (17,000 kg) super spy satellite for the CIA and the National Security Agency, an aerospace magazine has reported.

Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine said the probe, designated AFP-731, is a "combination" spacecraft incorporating digital imaging reconnaissance cameras and signal receivers "to intercept telephone, radio and secure television transmissions in most populated areas of the Soviet Union."

A NASA spokesman declined comment on the report.

Atlantis is officially scheduled for blastoff around Feb 16, but sources have told United Press International the payload will be delivered to the launch pad a week or so behind schedule and that liftoff would still be expected.

In any case, Aviation Week said the satellite will be launched into a 127-mile (205 km) orbit at an inclination to the equator of 62 degrees, the highest ever planned for a shuttle that will give the spaceplane wide coverage of the Soviet Union.

The spy satellite will be released on the 18th orbit from the shuttle's 60-foot (18 m) payload bay using a new, lightweight launch device called the Shuttle Payload Deployment System, or SPDS, the magazine reported.

The secret flight, to be launched from launch pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Centre, will be the 34th for United States' space shuttle programme and the sixth for Atlantis, which made its debut in October 1985.

The astronauts assigned to the flight are Navy Capt. John Creighton, commander, air force Col. John Casper, co-pilot, Marine Lt. Col. David Hillman, air force Col. Richard Mullane and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Pierre Thiot.

Touch down

The space shuttle Columbia swooped to a perfect middle-of-the-night landing Saturday after launching one satellite, rescuing another and ending the longest US shuttle flight.

"We're all kind of dragging a little bit, so we're going to pack it in and head for Houston," shuttle commander Dan Brandenstein said during a brief ceremony eight hours after the nearly 11-day mission ended in California's Mojave Desert.

Brandenstein, pilot James Wetherbee and mission specialists Bonnie Dunbar, Marsha Ivins and G. David Low then boarded two jets for a ride home to Johnson Space Centre.

about a mile (1.6 kilometres) from the antenna and have watched the project unfold since 1969.

"They brought in peace activists by the busloads," Holter recalled. "You won't find anybody in the area that ever thought the project would do all the things opponents claimed, including make you sterile if you walked under the lines."

Mrs Holter served as a "human guinea pig" for researchers monitoring the medical effects of the system on nearby residents.

"We're both so darn healthy, it's funny," she said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Mayflower Manners:** Sydney Biddle Barrows, the so-called "Mayflower Madam" who was arrested for promoting prostitution, is using her expertise to promote good manners in matters of intimacy.

"Mayflower Manners: Etiquette for Consenting Adults" includes advice on how to ask a date about AIDS, whether condoms should be left where they can be seen and when it is OK to make a pass.

The 221-page book, written by Barrows and Ellis Weiner and published by Doubleday in New York, also describes how to approach an escort service. (AP)

**Yeager ready to sail:** Jeana Yeager, co-pilot of the first non-stop flight around the world, says she is ready to sail beyond the clouds.

Yeager wants to become an astronaut in America's shuttle programme, she said at an annual Amelia Earhart luncheon in Glendale, California Sunday.

"Our space programme needs to move forward," Yeager said. "The shuttle is just a first step."

On Dec 24, 1986, she and pilot Dick Rutan landed the tiny experimental aircraft Voyager at Edwards Air Force Base after a nonstop, 26,000-mile (41,830-kilometre) journey around the world — a record for non-refuelled flight duration. (AP)

**Conference on pleasure:** Growing need for instant gratification is leading to the decline of American society, consumer activist Ralph Nader said.

Nader, speaking at the University of Rochester's week-long conference on pleasure, said the pursuit of pleasure has put America, which is "wallowing in mediocrity," at a disadvantage with more disciplined Japan.

The Japanese "have turned adversity into an asset," he said Sunday. "We have turned abundance into a liability." (AP)

**Navy warns:** The navy, reversing its forgiving approach to recruits who test positive for marijuana use, has decided that they will be barred from entering the service.

"You test positive for marijuana use — you're gone," said Vice Adm. J. Michael Roorda, the navy's chief of personnel, in an interview on Friday in Washington.

"It's an important twist" and shows an increasing lack of tolerance for drug use in the military, Roorda said. "We don't want to lose the battle against drugs." (AP)

**Cuba calls for changes:** Cuba's new UN ambassador has criticised the veto power of the UN Security Council as undemocratic and called for changes to make the United Nations more representative of its membership.

In an interview published on Saturday in Cuba's Communist Party daily Granma, Ambassador Ricardo Alarcón said there was a contradiction between the UN General Assembly, where every nation has a vote, and the Security Council, where a veto can block a resolution.

The United States, Soviet Union, Britain, China and France are the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and each has the power to veto. (Reuters)

**Tremors shake Peruvian cities:** Two light tremors startled residents of the northern Peruvian province of Paita within a 14-minute period Saturday, but have caused no damages or injuries, the Geophysical National Institute reported.

The first tremor, at 12:44 pm (1644 GMT), registered an intensity of 3 on the Mercalli scale, and the second at 12:58 (1658 GMT), at 4 on the scale, the institute said.

The epicentre was located 93 miles (150 kilometres) southwest of Paita, the port city 530 miles (855 kilometres) northwest of Lima. The tremors were particularly noticeable in the cities of Sechura and Bayavaro. (AP)

**Gabon bans gathering:** Residents of Libreville, Gabon were asked to remain in their homes Saturday evening and all gatherings were banned after students protested two days ago.

Prime Minister Leopold Senghor said President Omar Bongo's government recognised the legitimate complaints of university students and would act on them.

Senghor said "hoodlums" and other "irresponsible persons" were responsible for widespread vandalism.

**Fighter troubled**

## 24,424 seek asylum

Swiss expect more

BRUNEL, Jan 21, (AP): A record 24,424 people sought asylum in Switzerland last year and even more are expected in 1990 because of migrants from developing countries seeking to avoid overcrowded West Germany, a government official has said.

Peter Arbenz, delegate for refugee affairs, said authorities expected at least 32,000 applications for asylum over the next 12 months.

He said the exodus of East Germans and ethnic Germans from other East European countries into West Germany last year was expected to cause more would-be refugees from countries such as Turkey and Sri Lanka to go to Switzerland.

Last year, 9,395 Turks sought asylum in Switzerland, 39 per cent of all applications. Sri Lankans were the second largest group, accounting for 20 per cent of the total, followed by Lebanese with 10 per cent and Yugoslavs with nine per cent, the government figures showed.

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## Gorby calls to protect environ

MOSCOW, Jan 21, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has called for an international programme to "save biosphere" from ecological disaster.

Speaking to the global forum on the environment and development for survival, Gorbachev also backed suggestions for the formation of an international relief agency to respond to ecological disasters.

He called it "the green cross," an obvious parallel to the international Red Cross.

The forum brought together 1,000 political and religious leaders from around the world to discuss environmental issues.

Noting his own country's environment suffered from thoughtless decisions, Gorbachev suggested international technical co-operation in preventing and repairing ecological damage.

He said it was prepared to allow inspections on Soviet territory to avoid any suspicion that high technology from other countries was being diverted to other uses.

The Soviet Union has only started to recognise its own horrendous environmental problems in the last several years.

The Soviet environmental movement grew dramatically after the Chernobyl nuclear power plant explosion in 1986.

Gorbachev drew applause from his audience in the Grand Kremlin Palace when he repeated the Soviet Union's long-standing offer to end nuclear weapons testing if the United States agreed to follow suit.

He said the Soviet Union expects to sign an agreement soon providing for the destruction of tonnes of chemical weapons, and he promised that Soviet military manoeuvres would be restructured to reduce environmental damage.

In the speech, which ended the five-day conference in Moscow, Gorbachev called for international environmental monitoring and control.

He suggested the development of international standards to protect areas of particular concern for the entire world, such as rain forests.

Focusing on the Soviet Union, he promised to triple the number of wilderness preserves in the next decade.

He also suggested that an environmental conference planned for Brazil in 1992 be held at "the highest level" to approve a code of ecological ethics.

■ Pollution has never respected frontiers, but there's something new in the air when a Soviet environmentalist pleads with Americans to help block construction of a dam in a remote Siberian valley.

"The vocal support of environmentalists from around the world is critical to our efforts to save the valley," said Maria Cherkasova, secretary of the Socio-Ecological Union, one of the largest Soviet environmental groups.

She was among the delegates at a meeting last week in Washington of the US-Soviet joint committee on co-operation in the field of environmental protection. She called for a campaign of letters to Gorbachev and other Soviet leaders on behalf of the Katun Valley near the Chinese border.

## Ecological holocaust

### Driftnet death toll 100,000 dolphins

WELLINGTON, Jan 21, (Reuter): Asia's driftnet fishing fleets may be slaughtering more than 100,000 dolphins a year in the Pacific, the environmental group Greenpeace has said.

"It's what I would call an ecological holocaust going on," said Mike Hagler from the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior II, which is monitoring 20 driftnet boats from Japan and Taiwan in the Tasman Sea between Australia and New Zealand.

Environmentalists have dubbed driftnet fishing the "wall of death" because the fine nets, which hang like deadly curtains for up to 50 km (30 miles) catch virtually all fish, and sea mammals that run into them.

Hagler, leader of the Rainbow Warrior expedition, told Radio New Zealand at least 5,000 dolphins would die in the drift fishing grounds of the Tasman Sea during the present two-month season.

Rainbow Warrior II replaces its namesake sunk in 1985 by French secret agents in Auckland harbour.

"Let's not forget that in the

## Problems with dirty air increasing Billion still at risk

WASHINGTON, Jan 21, (Reuter): More than a billion people across the globe are still at risk of disease or death from breathing dirty air despite efforts to reduce pollution during the past 20 years, according to a study released yesterday.

The study by the Worldwatch Institute, an environmental research group, said nations cannot solve pollution problems by merely improving technology, but must make basic changes in their transport and manufacturing practices.

The group wants governments to improve air quality by levying steep taxes on car sales and industrial emissions encouraging recycling and public transport and improving international programmes on airborne pollution.

Developed nations should also take advantage of recent moves toward democracy in Eastern Europe to supply those nations, which rely heavily on coal, with technology to sharply reduce sulphur dioxide emissions, it said.

The World Health Organisation has estimated that nearly 635 million people around the world are exposed to high levels of sulphur dioxide, which is linked to respiratory diseases, and more than one billion to unhealthy levels of airborne particulates.

French said recent research has found that air pollution caused every 24th disability and every 17th death in Hungary. In Athens, on days when air quality is particularly bad, the death rate increases six-fold, she said.

Problems with dirty air are increasing most quickly in developing nations where car fleets are growing and heavy manufacturing is rapidly expanding, the report said.

Air pollution, including acid rain, is estimated to rob the US economy of nearly \$40 billion a year through problems such as crop loss and increased health care costs.

Forest damage in West Germany, resulting in part from acid rain, will cost that nation about \$3 billion to \$5 billion a year over the next 70 years.



Time for a little joy

Two young Beijing children, dressed for the cold winter weather, enjoy their cotton candy at a fair inside the Forbidden City Jan 21. As the Chinese New Year draws near much of the city's population is out and about even in the freezing temperatures. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Rally to be blocked

## Seoul on alert

SEOUL, Jan 21, (AP): Police heightened their presence outside bus terminals and universities today, moving to block a planned rally by hardline workers who vowed to form a maverick labour union.

Thousands of police took up positions around the central bus terminal in Seoul and at several schools as the workers, defying a government warning, vowed to go ahead with plans to form the union tomorrow.

President Roh Tae-Woo, presiding over a special cabinet meeting on Saturday, ordered a crackdown on illegal labour movements, warning that violent labour strikes would seriously hurt the country's economy.

"The spring will be a crucial period in our efforts to establish industrial peace," Roh said.

A wave of violent labour protests was blamed in part for the country's economic growth slowing to 6.5 per cent last year, after annual double-digit expansion in 1986-88. Exports also have been hurt by the South Korean won's rise against the US dollar.

Roh warned that if another wave of labour protests broke out this year, the economy would be unable to escape high inflation and low employment.

Organisers of tomorrow's rally said about 1,200 delegates representing 600 workplaces nation-wide would gather to inaugurate the new union, whose total membership would exceed 300,000.

Authorities outlawed the planned union, accusing its leaders of ideological and anti-government motives. Some union leaders, including chairman Dan Byung-Ho, have gone into hiding to avoid arrest.

Dan, 41, has been sought by police since late last year for involvement in several illegal labour rallies. He said in a published interview today that he would attend the rally. Police said they would arrest him.



Silvia Schriver, doctor and deckhand on the Greenpeace ship holds a drowned juvenile dolphin. (Reuter wirephoto)

by radio telephone.

"So we're talking about tens of thousands, if not over 100,000 dolphin a year," he said.

Japan has promised to halve driftnet fishing by 1992 following protests from environmentalists and Pacific island nations.

## China rapped on HK law plan

HONG KONG, Jan 21, (UPI): Liberals strongly criticised China today for steamrolling through a Beijing-dominated committee its own version of a legislative system for Hong Kong after 1997, calling the consultation process "a farce."

The committee, controlled by Beijing-appointed drafters, voted in a four-day meeting in Canton to limit the number of directly elected seats in Hong Kong's legislature and impose restrictions on who could hold high office after China resumes sovereignty over the British colony in 1997.

China has steadily increased its hardline approach to Hong Kong following mass support in the colony for the pro-democracy movement on the mainland, which was crushed by Beijing in June.

"People in Hong Kong understand that without democracy, protection of human rights and freedom will be very difficult after 1997," Yeung Sum of the joint committee for the promotion of democratic government told reporters. "I think the whole consultation is just a farce to the people of Hong Kong. They fully understand that the Chinese government has the base line and the Chinese government didn't listen to the wishes of the people of Hong Kong."

Thousands of students and liberal activists greeted Hong Kong members of the basic law drafting committee with chants of "shame" upon their return late yesterday from talks with mainland drafters in the southern Chinese city of Canton.

A political subgroup of the committee stood by an earlier decision to limit to 18 the number of directly elected seats in Hong Kong's 60-member lawmaking legislative council in 1997.

Drafters said they would expand the number of directly elected seats to 30 by 2003.

The move provoked charges that Beijing had ignored public opinion in Hong Kong and the colony's lawmakers who demanded direct elections for least 20 of the council's seats by 1991 and a majority in 1997.

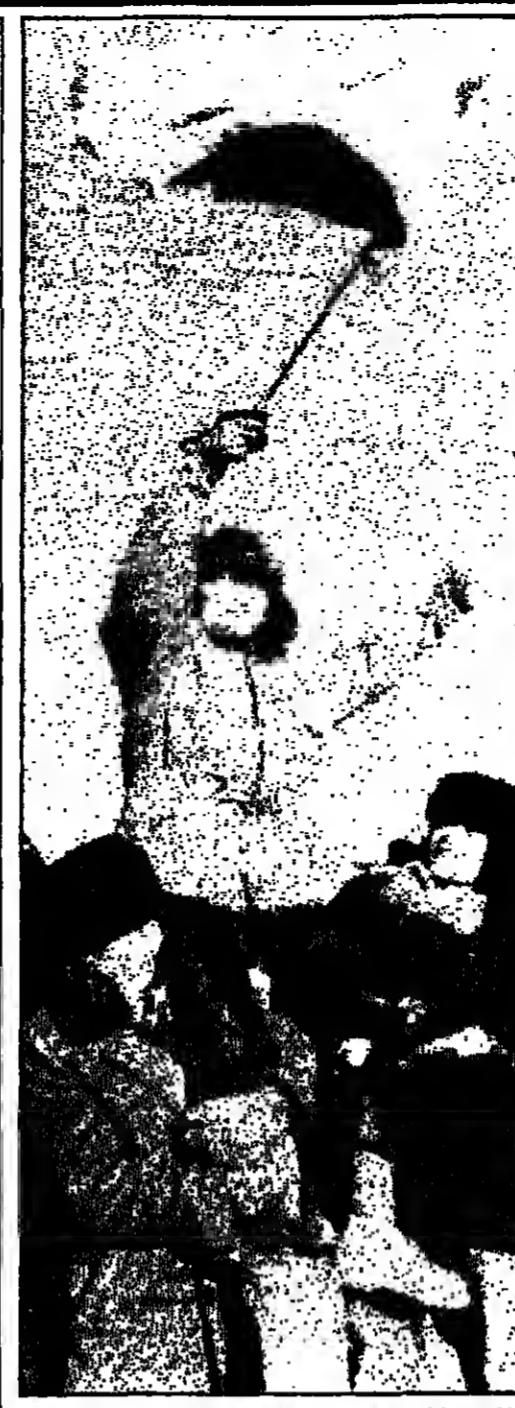
"What has happened now has been in the cards for many, many months and certainly increasingly since June 4," legislative councillor Jimmy McGregor said. "We have had people here spelling out to China in the most representative way possible ... reasonably democratic models. And we have seen China reject all of them and listen only to those people who for one reason or another proposed models which China can accept."

Drafters also said certain bills put before the legislature must be voted on separately in both elected lawmakers and another group of lawmakers representing what are called functional constituencies, mostly based on occupations or professions.

The bill would have to gain a majority from both groups before becoming law — a system that could nullify proposed laws unfavourable in Beijing.

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A young Mongolian, hoisted on the shoulders of his friends, waves the Mongolian flag during the rally. (Reuter wirephoto)



A Mongolian flag flutters over the thousands of protesters. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Thousands flock to Ulan Bator

## Mongolians defy ban on rallies

ULAN BATOR, Jan 21, (Reuter): About 7,000 Mongolians defied a government ban on demonstrations and flocked to Ulan Bator's main square today to demand democracy after 69 years of communism.

The leader of the movement, university lecturer Fanjasuren Zorig, later told a press conference his opposition group wanted a multi-party system, an independent economy and the truth about Mongolia's blood-stained communist history.

Demonstrators braved temperatures of minus 22 centigrade (minus eight Fahrenheit) to crowd around a rostrum in the central Sukhbaatar Square. They cheered as Zorig and others denounced the unconstitutional.

"You have come here on your own, not because you were forced out because you wanted to come," Zorig told the crowd.

The Mongolian Democratic Union he heads was formed in early December. It says it has 60,000 members — just 30,000 fewer than the ruling Communist People's Revolutionary Party.

The union has been recognised by the government provided it obeys the constitution. Its leaders but not the ruling politburo.

Western diplomats in Ulan Bator said the demonstrations posed the biggest challenge for democracy to Mongolia's communist rulers. Government officials, not immediately available, to comment on the protest.

It was the fourth time protesters had swarmed into Sukhbaatar Square since early December.

But it was the first action in direct defiance on the government which banned demonstrations in parts of the capital last Thursday. Zorig called the ban unconstitutional.

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## Democracy challenged

### Mayor shooting shocks Japan

NAGASAKI, Jan 21, (AP): The shooting of Nagasaki's popular mayor by a right-wing extremist is being fearfully viewed as a challenge to Japan's democracy.

The gentle, soft-spoken Hitoshi Motoshima, who as mayor of a city devastated by an atomic bomb during World War II is known as a champion of peace, was seriously wounded Thursday moments after he stepped out of City Hall. Motoshima had said publicly that he believed the late emperor Hirohito could have saved Nagasaki from the bombing.

Police arrested a 40-year-old ultranationalist and self-confessed terrorist who said he was enraged over the mayor's remarks about the emperor.

The assailant used a handgun, which are illegal in Japan. Attacks on prominent politicians are rare in this country.

Following the shooting, Nagasaki residents rallied under banners such as, "Bullets cannot kill democracy" and "The people will unite to preserve free speech."

"It goes without saying that freedom to express varying opinions is a pillar of democracy, and respect for minority opinions is a democratic principle," the local newspaper Nagasaki Shimbum said in an editorial.

The attempted assassination ... is a challenge to the democracy Japan has steadfastly maintained in the more than 40 years



Motoshima. (Reuter wirephoto)

since the end of the war ... but it seems democracy in Japan is still far from matured."

"It's a real shock. In Japan it's so rare for anyone to have a gun ... just police and gangsters," said City Hall employee Mikako Umehara.

"For this to happen right in front of our eyes is, I think, a much bigger shock than for Americans or Europeans."

The outrage was no doubt intensified by published photographs of the 67-year-old Motoshima coughing up blood as he waited for an ambulance. A bullet had hit him in the back and exited from his chest.

Doctors said Saturday that Motoshima was recovering well

and was expected to be released in a month.

Motoshima said at a city assembly meeting in December 1988, as Hirohito lay on his deathbed, that he felt the emperor bore some responsibility for World War II and that the monarch could have prevented the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The mayor's comments touched the rightist fringe's most sensitive nerve.

Motoshima received numerous threats, including three anonymous letters containing bullets. Rightists converged on City Hall shouting "death to Motoshima."

Police details of up to 80 officers provided security when the mayor moved about, and three bodyguards accompanied him when he travelled to Tokyo for Hirohito's funeral last February. The emperor died Jan 7, 1989.

Police protection was suspended at Motoshima's request in mid-December. Another rightist was arrested last year for sending the bullets to the mayor, perhaps prompting police to drop their guard in the belief the threat was contained.

"We all wonder why this happened," said city spokesman Yoshimori Nakajima. "It was only 13 words the mayor said, but 13 words that reverberated throughout Japan — maybe now the world."

The craft is to release the smaller satellite just before crossing the moon's orbit. A "kick motor" aboard the smaller craft will prop it into a lunar orbit, the institute says.

Because the moon orbiter carries no batteries, it will follow a path that will keep it constantly in sunlight during the first 30 days to allow it to use solar power to send the mother satellite data on temperatures and electric fields, ISAS says.

The larger satellite will continue orbiting Earth, swinging by the moon and collecting data on space dust and other phenomena.

## Japan to send satellite to moon

TOKYO, Jan 21, (AP): In a launch scheduled Tuesday, Japan hopes to join an elite club by becoming the third nation to send a spacecraft to the moon.

If successful, the Muses-A will be the first spacecraft to visit the moon since the Soviet Union landed the unmanned probe Luna 2 on its surface in 1976. The United States is the only other nation that has sent a spacecraft to Earth's closest neighbour.

Japan has advanced rapidly in aerospace in recent years. Although it was noted for its aviation technology during World War II, the industry was banned by US occupation forces. As a result, Japan entered the aerospace field late.

## INTERNATIONAL

## Heads roll in East Germany

EAST BERLIN, Jan 21, (Agencies): East Germany's Communist Party purged its ranks of former leader Egon Krenz and 13 other discredited Politburo members today but resisted pressure to disband.

After a marathon session, the party's disciplinary committee said that Krenz, who led the country and party for six weeks after succeeding his Stalinist mentor Erich Honecker, had been expelled with 13 other former Politburo members.

Only hours after the SED-PDS party ended its meeting, East Germany's turbulent political scene was rocked again when the prosecutor-general announced Finance Minister Uta Nickel was under investigation for ordering unspecified illegal payments.

News of the probe against Nickel—a 48-year-old reformist communist and key cabinet minister—added a new burden to the fragile administration of communist Prime Minister Hans Modrow which took office last November as an untainted team that would lead the country to elections next May.

### Biggest

The purge of the former leadership was the biggest carried out against the old guard of a party which has seen over half of its 2.3 million members quit in the past year.

Those ditched included Günter Schabowski, long regarded as holding reformist views, and ex-defence minister Heinz Kessler.

Only three of Honecker's 26-strong Politburo team, which ruled supreme for two decades, still remain in the party. Many are awaiting trial, some in custody.

Earlier SED-PDS party chairman Gregor Gysi said the party had failed to exercise itself of its Stalinist past in the five weeks it had been in charge. It was aware, he said, that many members and ordinary East Germans wanted to see it disappear.

But he added: "After long, mature and sometimes-controversial debate, the party's ruling council decided that disbanding... would lead to greater social tension, not less."

### Charges

"The disappearance of our party would be a betrayal of the democratic aspirations of the spiritual and political forces in this country," Gysi said.

In an interview with the Bild newspaper of Hamburg after his expulsion from the party, Krenz was quoted as saying he may one day consider joining the opposition Social Democrats, but added it was out of the question for now.

Meanwhile, authorities imprisoned former parliament Speaker Horst Sindermann on corruption charges, the official news agency ADN said.

Sindermann was charged with "criminal fraudulent conversion and breach of trust," the standard language in the corruption and abuse of office investigations that are sweeping East Germany. He was being held pending trial.

### Opposition

■ East Germany's fledgling opposition groups are moving into drab quarters in East Berlin after battling for office space but many are armed with little more than a typewriter to prepare for elections in May.

Fourteen organisations began setting up shop this week in a central building vacated by the Communist Party and are now slowly learning the art of politics that was denied them during 40 years of one-party rule.

■ Hot-air balloons, banned for four decades by hardline communist rulers who feared balloons would be used as a means of escape, has lifted off as a sport in the new reformist East Germany.

The official ADN news agency said enthusiasts founded the country's first hot-air ballooning club on Friday. The Mecklenburg and Brandenburg club would stage its first flight during the Easter holidays, ADN said.

### Accident

■ Out of work and with bleak prospects for being thrown a bone back home, the first batch of East German guard dogs arrived in West Germany yesterday.

East Germany is giving West Germany about 2,500 of the some 6,500 guard dogs that once patrolled the Berlin Wall and the border, said the animal protection agency in Bremen.

■ East Germany averted a major nuclear power accident in 1976 that could have been as devastating as the one at Chernobyl in the Soviet Union, a West German magazine said today.

East German officials did not disclose the potential seriousness of the incident, *Der Spiegel* said.



Dead bodies lying aside by side in Baku hospital Jan 20. (Reuter wirephoto)

## EEC backs Baku action

DUBLIN, Jan 21, (Agencies): European Economic Community foreign ministers, anxious to shore up Eastern Europe's reformists, have sent a signal of support to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev despite the bloodshed in Azerbaijan.

At informal talks over dinner last night in Dublin, the 12 ministers specifically endorsed Gorbachev's proposal for a 35-nation East-West summit this year to chart the future of a radically-altered Europe.

And while regretting the violence, they tacitly approved Gorbachev's decision to send in troops and tanks to crush a nationalist uprising in Azerbaijan and prevent civil war with neighbouring Armenia.

"We have complete understanding for the enormous dilemmas. We just hope that the military intervention is in proportion to the problem," Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek told reporters after the meeting.

The ministers agreed a \$70-million emergency package of food and medical aid for Romania and Poland. French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, just back from Bucharest, said food stocks there would last for only three weeks and the situation was "explosive and relatively unstable."

But the more sensitive issue of how much long-term help the EEC will give to the six emerging democracies of eastern Europe has yet to be tackled.

And sharp differences over whether East Germany deserved to be treated as a special case for early entry to the community because of its ties to West Germany.

The reaction to events in Azerbaijan contrasted starkly with the West's condemnation of Gorbachev's predecessors for using the Soviet army to reassert Moscow's control over Hungary and Czechoslovakia or extend it to Afghanistan.

Bolstering Gorbachev's position is now paramount for the community—it was his decision to renounce the use of force which admired Eastern European states to start dumping old-style communist rule.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said most people were prepared to accept the use of force to prevent more violence in the southern Soviet republics.

"There's a clear distinction between military action taken to prevent one group of citizens in a country killing another group and military action taken to suppress a people struggling for its freedom," he said.

And Ireland's Gerry Collins, who chaired the talks, voiced general support for Gorbachev's reforms on behalf of the 12.

"The USSR has embarked on a large-scale programme of restructuring of its economy and its politics. We support the efforts of Mr Gorbachev to transform his country in these directions," he said.

The ministers agreed that senior officials should start work immediately on an agenda and a common EEC position for a summit this year of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). Such a meeting, sought by Gorbachev to force a new European order, had not been due until 1992.

The CSCE, which includes the United States, Canada, the Soviet Union and all European states except Albania, was the forum used by the West to press the case for greater freedom and respect for human rights in the Soviet bloc.

Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, the community's executive body, withdrew a suggestion he made on Wednesday that the EEC increase its budget henceforth by \$1.65 billion to give the six East Bloc countries rejecting communism the same help now extended to the most economically backward regions within EEC nations.

Delors reiterated his controversial support for West Germany demands that East Germany should be considered as a "special case" for links with the community, including possible membership.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Search for girls

African police searching for the six missing white schoolgirls, dug up the garden Jan 17 of the couple accused of molesting a 16-year-old girl. The girl escaped and the couple committed suicide when police cornered them after a chase. (Reuter wirephoto)

US Top 20 on Soviet radio: A Top 20 radio show will soon carry Milli Vanilli and Madonna to Moscow, Tone Loc and Tiffany to Tashkent and Phil Collins and Fine Young Cannibals to Kiev.

Soviet rock fans will be able to hear those and other popstars on "USA Top 20," which will make its debut on Soviet government-owned Gostiny Dvor FM 92.6 and twice a month, according to Westwood One, the Chicago-based company producing the show.

Host of the 90-minute show will be Steve Deemer, 26, a Chicago native who speaks fluent Russian. Westwood One chairman Norman J. Pattrick said: "The show will be produced in Los Angeles, Foreign companies will be able to buy advertising time."

Westwood One also will produce two other music programmes, "America on Record" and "American Musical Classics," for broadcast in the Soviet Union. (AP)

Princess Anne's view on children: Princess Anne, daughter of a reigning monarch, says she wishes her children had better role models.

"I look around and wonder what sort of examples they have to look up to now," the daughter of Queen Elizabeth II told a BBC radio interviewer. "That worries me. I don't think there are very many... I think their elder generation is to blame for that."

Anne, 39, who separated from her husband, Capt Mark Phillips, in August, said she is not very strict with her 12-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter.

"I don't go along with the 'seen and not heard.' It would be very nice but I think it's rather an impractical suggestion really," said the princess.

She said her travels on behalf of the Save the Children's Fund, of which she is president, have made her more concerned about what she sees at home. (AP)

Children enjoy Antarctica trip: Famed undersea explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau says the six children he took along on his recent mission to Antarctica enjoyed the trip very much.

During one jampacked day when the group went to see colonies of penguins, seals and other creatures from the ice continent and stopped at a Polish research station on the way back to their ship, Cousteau said.

Cousteau left Jan 3 from Chile for Antarctica with one child from each of the six other continents. They returned to Chile last Sunday. The children were aged 11 and 12. (AP)

Baker to visit Czechoslovakia: In a show of support for an emerging democracy, US Secretary of State James Baker will visit Czechoslovakia next month after he holds talks in Moscow on easing East-West tensions.

US officials say Baker may add other eastern and central European stops to his schedule, as President George Bush's administration steps up its campaign of trying to encourage Warsaw Pact countries to adopt Western political and economic systems.

Czechoslovakia is making that transition with little indication of hardline rule after the "Prague Spring" was crushed by Soviet troops and tanks. (AP)

Bulgarian opposition to publish newspaper: The opposition Union of Democratic Forces (UDF) will publish its own newspaper, the first independent daily in communist Bulgaria, the Communist Party daily Rabotnicheska Delo reported Saturday.

The date of its first issue was not disclosed.

Official permission to publish the paper and office space were among several UDF conditions for sitting down with the communist leadership to discuss political and economic reforms. Free elections were expected in Bulgaria later this year.

The talks, which are to resume Monday, were suspended last week after the government refused to promise the opposition access to the state-run radio and television networks. (AP)

Pope to visit Czechoslovakia: Pope John Paul II will make an unprecedent trip to Czechoslovakia before June elections there, paying tribute to the country's fledgling democracy, the Vatican said on Saturday.

It will be the first visit by a pontiff to Czechoslovakia and the Pope's first trip to a Warsaw Pact country outside his native Poland, which he has visited three times.

Prague's new non-communist government has initiated dramatic improvements in Czechoslovakia's church-state relations, which for decades were among the worst in the East Bloc. It said on Thursday it wanted to restore diplomatic ties with the Vatican, broken after the communist takeover in 1948. (Reuter)

## ANC toning down guerrilla campaign

### Shift to political moves

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 21, (AP): Senior police commanders, in an unusually optimistic appraisal, said today that the outlawed African National Congress is shifting its emphasis away from military action toward political alternatives.

Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe said the police force will have to operate "with particular understanding and circumspection and even sympathy during the last decade of the century."

The number of guerrilla attacks, particularly on civilian targets, has decreased significantly in the past year, Van der Merwe and a fellow police general said at a briefing for South African officials.

Van der Merwe said the trend was likely to continue because of increasing international pressure on the ANC to seek political rather than military solutions.

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### Kremlin control

Stalin, a Georgian, also pursued Russification. In Moldavia, taken back from Romania in 1940, the language was converted from Latin to Cyrillic letters.

Armenians and Georgians, two Christian ethnic groups in the Caucasus that in the 19th and early 20th centuries sought protection of the Russian Czar against the Ottoman empire, now are among those fighting most vigorously for independence.

After Gorbachev took power, Crimean Tatars and Armenians led the way for other nationalities in voicing their long-pending grievances. The Crimean Tatars demanded to settle in the Crimean peninsula.

The reaction to events in Azerbaijan contrasted starkly with the West's condemnation of Gorbachev's predecessors for using the Soviet army to reassert Moscow's control over Hungary and Czechoslovakia or extend it to Afghanistan.

Bolstering Gorbachev's position is now paramount for the community—it was his decision to renounce the use of force which admired Eastern European states to start dumping old-style communist rule.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said most people were prepared to accept the use of force to prevent more violence in the southern Soviet republics.

"There's a clear distinction between military action taken to prevent one group of citizens in a country killing another group and military action taken to suppress a people struggling for its freedom," he said.

And Ireland's Gerry Collins, who chaired the talks, voiced general support for Gorbachev's reforms on behalf of the 12.

"The USSR has embarked on a large-scale programme of restructuring of its economy and its politics. We support the efforts of Mr Gorbachev to transform his country in these directions," he said.

The ministers agreed that senior officials should start work immediately on an agenda and a common EEC position for a summit this year of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). Such a meeting, sought by Gorbachev to force a new European order, had not been due until 1992.

The CSCE, which includes the United States, Canada, the Soviet Union and all European states except Albania, was the forum used by the West to press the case for greater freedom and respect for human rights in the Soviet bloc.

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# Kuwaiti press highlights Amiri address

## Belief in democracy expressed

KUWAIT, Jan 21, (Kuna): Kuwaiti press today gave prominence to the address by His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah on current domestic and foreign issues, praising his wisdom and farsightedness.

The Kuwaiti papers highly appreciated the Amir's call for opening channels of dialogue to settle national issues in a civilized style.

"The Amir's call for dialogue as we step on the threshold of a new century and a different stage at the international level meets the aspirations of the Kuwaiti society because His Highness had sincerely expressed his adherence to the basic principles of the community of dialogue, cohesion and wisdom on the basis of our holy religion," wrote an Arabic daily in a front-page editorial.

The paper expressed support to HH's call for dialogue, saying its continuation through the available channels would lead to common content in a civilised manner through mutual respect and understanding.

In his nation-wide address yesterday, the Amir renewed his personal support for broadening the base of consultation, parliamentary life and people's participation in the country's affairs.

DIRECTOR of the Linguistics Centre at Kuwait University, Dr Iham Al Bassam indicated that students tend to stay away from registering at language courses during the first academic term. This low response has led to lower student scientific levels in foreign languages, the official said.

She expressed hope that the number of Kuwaiti experts at the centres teaching corps will increase pointing out that Kuwaiti staff form 22 percent of the total teaching staff at the centres.

She stated that the centre exerts efforts towards finding communication channels with the local market to be able to figure out its requirements from the required linguistic level.

The centre is currently seeking to formulate a comprehensive plan with regards to co-operation with the Ministry of Education in all languages. This move is designed to remove all problems which students find when joining the University of Kuwait, Bassam said.

With respect to future plans, the centre seeks complete projects on developing curricula in addition to upgrading the language level of students.

More efforts will be made by the centre to expand teaching English for speciality purposes in addition to adding a big number of other foreign languages to meet university graduates requirements, Bassam said.

## Aids test for service workers in Bahrain

BAHRAIN, Jan 21, (Reuters): Bahrain's barbers, cooks and waiters face compulsory Aids testing in the near future, a health ministry official said today.

Undersecretary Dr. Rashid Fulayfil told Reuters doctors would also be empowered to order a blood test of any patient they suspect of having the disease.

Bahrain's health authorities found 60 people with the HIV virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome after testing blood from about 55,000 Bahrainis last year, he said.

"I believe the results are too high and not representative of the population as a whole because we tested high-risk groups such as drug addicts and people suffering from venereal disease," Fulayfil said.

Those tested positive were drug addicts who had shared needles and none had yet become ill from the disease, he added.

Meanwhile the public health ministry in Kuwait held a special reception at one of the leading hotels in Kuwait to honour participants in Kuwait's second international day on Aids.

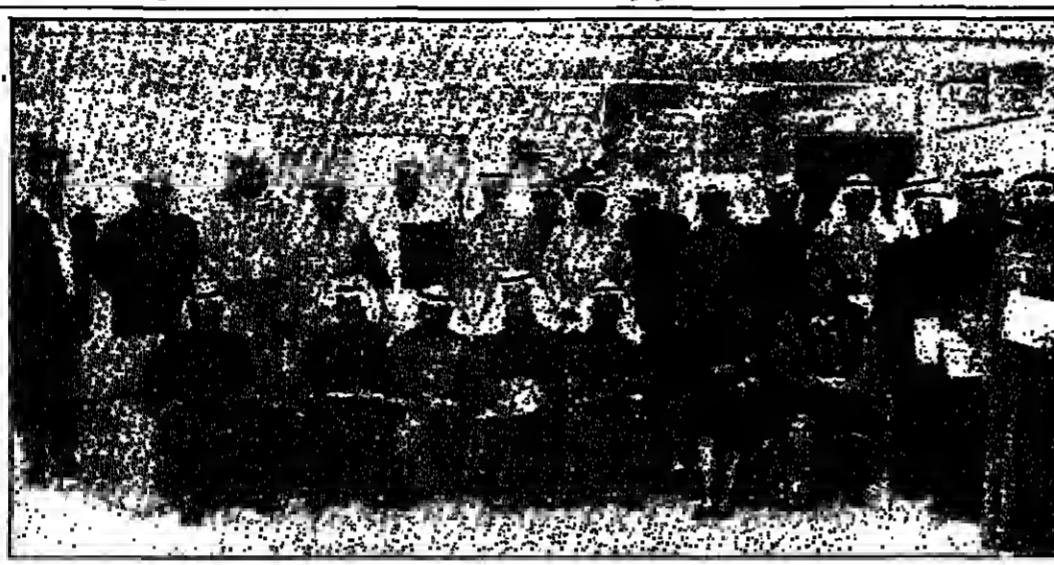
The event was under the aegis of acting Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

The Aids day, organised last December 1-6 was intended to increase public awareness about the fatal disease, and ways of prevention.

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Administrative course at PAAET

A training course on the Role of Administrative Supervisors was concluded at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training. About 20 employees attended the course which is held among the courses offered by PAAET during service. Certificates were distributed to graduates.

## Private pharmacies under fire

## Residents complain of price manipulation

PRIVATE pharmacies have transformed themselves into commercial shops, with the main aim of achieving rapid profits, which is unethical, according to a number of residents.

They stated that private pharmacies have begun to exploit patients taking advantage of some weaknesses which exist in the current Ministry of Commerce Law.

They said that private pharmacies are supposed to present humane services to the community and added that some doctors who have strong ties with owners of these pharmacies, connive to exploit medical patients. They said that these doctors write prescriptions knowing in advance that these medicines are not available at government pharmacies, necessitating purchasing these from the nearest pharmacy, which more often than not have their vested interests.

They supported the idea of imposing symbolic fees for treatment and the provision of all types of pharmaceutical preparations without the need to go to any of these private pharmacies. They said that step will prevent price manipulation.

They called upon officials to combat this unethical practice and to reconsider the current practices of private pharmacies and also to regulate the workings of the profession by unifying prices at all private pharmacies.

### Phenomenon

Ali Al Thalji praised government efforts in providing medicines to patients free of charge adding that on some occasions government pharmacies suffer from acute shortages in some types of pharmaceutical preparations, compelling patients to buy their medicines from private pharmacies.

He said at most times such medicines are not available at government pharmacies are very expensive to obtain at private pharmacies.

He described existing methods of operations at some pharmacies as a dangerous phenomenon adding that officials at the Ministry of Public Health

should redress this issue in full. He called upon officials at the Ministry of Commerce to unify medicines prices at private pharmacies also to put conditions on pharmacists deserving to enter this line of business.

Hawas Al Shemari indicated that some infants' milk at private pharmacies are much higher in price than the same brand of milk at co-operative societies. He said that private pharmacies add a big margin of profit on commodities and medicines compared with co-ops.

He stated that the Ministry of Commerce should take a strong and firm stand against unifying prices of medicines and infant milk.

Khaled Mohammed on the other hand said that some private pharmacies alter the form of packaging of specific medicines to increase its price. Often, patients fall for this trick believing that the medicine they just bought is stronger than the usual kind.

He pointed out that in most countries, prices of medicines have been the subject of government standards, unlike to the situation in Kuwait where there are no restrictions on prices. He stated that pharmacists have total freedom to alter prices in order to obtain higher profits.

Meanwhile, a number of pharmacists have stated that residents' accusations are correct and some private pharmacies increase their prices in order to obtain higher profits. They stated that medicine prices at pharmacies located at co-operative societies are supported, adding that profits at these pharmacies don't exceed the 25 per cent limit.

Mohammed Mahmoud stated that it is natural to notice a diversity in medicine prices at private pharmacies due to the fact that there are no laws and standards to unify prices. He added that no one can deny the fact that private pharmacies increase their prices.

Bushra Mna, a pharmacist stated that some private pharmacies add more than 35 per cent profit to medicines adding that such margin is too high for some patients.

## Overloaded generators causing camp fires

THE controller of the training school at the General Fire Department Lieutenant Colonel Ahmed Salem has said that most fires which occurred in the desert during the camping season were caused by the electricity generators.

In an interview with a local daily Lieutenant Colonel Salem disclosed that three centres will be set up to extend necessary services to campers.

Salem who represents the General Fire Department for the extending of the services to desert camps said that firemen will play a significant role and their centre will be provided with the necessary equipment and tools and will remain open around the clock.

He added that several lectures will be organised to enlighten campers on how to fight fires.

He added that Al Waqfa Centre will organise several theoretical and practical activities and firemen will demonstrate oil fire fighting.

He called on the campers to pay more attention to their generators, specifically as some campers install their generators in the cooking tent and this phenomenon was extremely dangerous.

He added that some campers were using the Vido, TV and the beater simultaneously and this obviously overloaded the generator. He confirmed the importance of fixing insulation materials such as asbestos around the cooking tent to absorb the heat coming from the tent.

He said that most fires occurred last year at Mishref and Doba areas with 13 incidents and seven incidents respectively while three incidents occurred at Al Waqfa area and one in Abdali which resulted in the death of two persons.

In conclusion, the official has called on the campers to be in touch with the Fire Department's centres at the desert and to dial 100 or 105 when the need arises.

## Soviet eye clinic for ME

A PERMANENT Soviet eye clinic is to be set up in the Middle East, Professor Svyatoslav Fyodorov, head of the Foks floating eye hospital berthed in Jebel Ali Port, told a press conference in Dubai recently.

The clinic, which will be in Dubai, will have five or six Russian doctors and will be ready in one year, he added.

Prof. Fyodorov said the hospital ship, the Petr Pervy, would remain in Jebel Ali until March 29, but its stay might be prolonged if the Soviet Marine Ministry agrees.

Reviewing the "very satisfactory" results of the early months, the professor said that 1,509 operations had been carried out in just two months. They include 300 lens implants in cataract cases and other complicated operations for retina detachments with 169 involving laser surgery.

metaphors in his address to extend the scope of his packed meanings, explaining that the Amir has successfully evoked a powerful feeling in delivering his intent when he said: "No ship sailing in the sea of international politics can seclude itself, nor can some of its people take independent decisions away from its leadership and destiny, or fail to co-operate among themselves before it reaches its safe destination."

The daily also noted that the Amir sees unity as a kind of insurance for a forward journey in time. "He expects all passengers of the ship to be cruising together talking to one another and with their leadership to reach their destination," it added.

"The Amir has once again noted Kuwait's concern over burning Arab and Islamic issues. He also modestly mentioned his country's role in building unity, goodwill and peace where it was required," the paper said.

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# KOTC to purchase four new tankers

## Increase in oil production to pose problems

KUWAIT Oil Tankers Company (KOTC) has undertaken a comprehensive study of the requirements of tankers for the coming decade based on which it is undertaking its projections for expanding its existing fleet.

The company will soon purchase four VLCC tankers on the basis of this study, Chairman of KOTC, Abdel Al Bader said and added that the company built two modern oil tankers recently which are Rigga and Fintas. The company has also purchased two second hand tankers built in 1974 with a capacity of 330,000 tonnes and two other tankers built in 1983 with a capacity of 290,000 tonnes.

The official said that the company owns two of the largest tankers in the world and said that the company is carrying on intensive negotiations with various ship builders around the world.

The company's concern stems from the indications that prices of building ships has increased sharply and if the prices continue rising on the same level, oil tanker companies around the world will be compelled to recondition their old ships instead of building new fleets.

Bader said that the company owns a modern fleet of tankers to transport oil products and the company transports 55 per cent of oil that is refined in Kuwait.

The company has a strong capital base as it is owned by one of the largest oil corporations (KPC) in the world. This places the company in a firm position while negotiating with ship builders around the world.

Commenting on the stagnation in the oil tanker market during the 1980s, Bader attributed this to the slow-down in the

economic growth of most industrial countries which contributed to the reduction in oil consumption of these countries compared to their consumption in the 1970s.

### Consumption

Elucidating, he said that the maximum level of oil consumption during the 1970s amounted to 32 million barrels a day and added that transporting one million barrels of oil from Gulf to Europe and Japan requires about 30 million tonnes.

The 1980s witness an overproduction in oil causing a buyers market and this resulted in a drop of prices from \$40 a barrel to \$30. These prices did not increase despite the Iraq-Iran war and demand for OPEC's oil reached 14.5 million barrels in a day.

This compelled the OPEC members to limit their production to contain the reduction in oil prices. This measure, coupled

with the improvement of the economic situation in the west at the end of the 1980s gave a boost to oil prices.

Presently, he said that there are about 400 oil tankers in the world carrying crude oil of which 350 work continuously. He disclosed that any increase in the quota of production of oil by OPEC will cause a transportation problem, as there are not sufficient number of oil tankers to transport the additional produced quantities. Any increase in oil production will cause transportation charges to increase and will in turn encourage the trend to build new ships.

Many ship building factories in the world have had trying times to keep themselves afloat and several closed down. For instance, about 450,000 workers working in Japanese factories were recently reduced to 150,000, Bader said.

### Amir's address

## Premier pledges adherence

KUWAIT, Jan 21 (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah today sent a cable to HH the Amir, in which he pledged his government's adherence to HH the Amir's nationwide address last night, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said following the weekly cabinet session.

HH the Crown Prince stressed that the government will also employ the Amir's directives and advice for attaining the quantum leap that His Highness wants Kuwait to achieve.

Sheikh Saad said in his cable the Amir's address mirrored His Highness the Amir's prudent policy and his profound interest in safeguarding Kuwait's security, stability and dignity.

Rashed indicated that the cabinet, chaired by HH the Crown Prince and Premier, reviewed the message received by HH the Amir from Acting President of the Comoros Mohamed Jawhar regarding the recent events in the islands and bilateral co-operation.

### Visit

The Council of Ministers was also briefed on the next week's visit to the country by the King of Bhutan, during which he holds talks with HH the Amir.

Rashed said that Finance Minister Jassim Al Khorafi reported to the Cabinet on the GCC three-man committee meeting, which convened in Muscat recently on discussing the latest global changes at the political, economic and information spheres and their impact on the Arab Gulf states.

Communications Minister Abdulla Al Sharhan briefed the council on the meetings of the eight-member ministerial committee of the Arab Corporation for Space Communications (Arabsat), held in the Omani capital last week.

The said meeting examined the possibility of transforming Arabsat into a shareholding firm with the participation of Arab capital and also allowing friendly states to benefit from the services of the Arab satellite system.

# Bank merger issue under serious study

## Shareholder acquiescence vital

THE joint economic committee's recommendations calling for the merger of some commercial banks and institutions has received praise from various high-ranking officials — though with some reservations.

Ali Al Bader, Chairman of the Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East (BKME) while acknowledging the activity of merging these financial institutions, commented that competition among banks is an essential ingredient to ensuring optimum services for customers.

Yousef Al Hasawi, Deputy Chairman of Kuwait Company for Trading, Contracting and Foreign Investment, praised the merger of banks, but with certain set conditions.

The official said that it is pragmatic to merge an investment company with a bank to integrate their activities. The strength of these institutions can be fused in the sense that banks can benefit from the experience of the investment company and the company in turn can benefit from the customers of the bank by utilising their investments to finance lucrative projects.

However, he pointed out that prior to such mergers seeing the day of light, the existing laws will have to be changed. As they stand, banks are prohibited from carrying out investment projects and vice versa, investment companies are not allowed to practice banking activities.

The official said that prior to going ahead with the concept of the framework for operations of such a merger should be worked out. These should encompass, the administrative structure,

suitable modalities for undertaking foreign investments abroad within the concept of one leadership to carry out investment activities abroad. There should also be an effective machinery to identify job functions and responsibilities.

A senior banker believed that merging banks requires further careful study due to their vital consequences on the national economy.

He pointed out that clearing the outstanding of any two banks suffering from deficit will reduce the prices of their shares in the market. This can be circumvented, if additional funds are pumped in to keep the prices of their shares in the market stable. However, he was of the opinion that shareholders would not accept such a proposal, which would leave the alternative open to the government to cover such deficits.

Further, he said that mergers require the approval of the general assembly of the banks which is not an easy formality. Additionally, according to Kuwait law, any bank or establishment prior to merger should be cleared, the official said.

He added that local banks will not be able to successfully compete with international banks out of Kuwait after their mergers due to their low capital base compared to international banks.

Further, merging will also reduce the number of employees at banks which will contradict with public policy of the government to employ national manpower if employees whose services are terminated are Kuwaiti employees, the banking official said.

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I AM working with a reputed company as a part time service engineer since the last ten years. I want to know whether I am entitled to receive any service benefits in case my services are terminated or I leave the company. At present, the company does not pay any leave salary.

I have been granted permission to work part time from my employer.

S.A.H.

A PART time employee is entitled to end of service benefits; you are also entitled to receive leave salary when you go on a holiday. You have the right to get full benefits. The private sector labour law covers all employees, regardless of whether someone is working full time or part time.

If an employee's services are terminated, he is entitled to receive 15 days salary for the first five years and one month's pay for the following years. If the employee resigns, he is entitled to 7.5 days salary for the first five years of service and 15 days pay for the subsequent years.

A SRI Laikan labourer came to Kuwait in July 1988 to work for a reputed establishment employing 800 men.

The labourer was posted to a new project in Wafta and was given semi-skilled labour jobs. One day, while being taken for a job near the Saudi border in a company van, he died in a collision; there was only one survivor.

The labourer has three children and nobody to help his family. Please advise if the family can claim compensation. We understand that the accident victim is entitled to some compensation.

Sympathisers FIRSTLY, you must get the criminal judgement given in the accident case; and find out who was held responsible for the accident, and the name of the insurance company covering the accident. You can claim compensation from the driver and/or his insurance company.

The accident victim's family must give a power of attorney to a family friend or

relatives residing in the country so that they are empowered to file a case on their behalf to claim compensation.

Secondly, you can file a case against the company (employer) because, from your letter, it seems the accident occurred while he was on duty, and a company can be held responsible for the accident; the company must pay compensation.

As your query was general, I have given what course of action can be taken in most cases. I prefer to know the exact details of the case, the judgement and other information before giving advice pertaining to the case mentioned by you.

I AM working in the private sector. My basic monthly salary is KD135, computed for 26 working days (excluding Fridays). I have worked on a public holiday for 13 hours. Please clarify what payment I should receive in addition to my basic salary as overtime payment. What is the method of computation for public holidays and Fridays.

S. Perez

ON public holidays, a person is entitled to double wages, i.e. one plus one; KD135 divided by 135 = 5.192 fils per day (eight hours). You earn 649 fils per hour. For 13 hours overtime on a public holiday, you are entitled to daily wage plus daily wage plus five hours pay.

I AM a Filipino, working in a private establishment. I was hired locally in 1983; ever since I have been working on a verbal agreement. Now, I have decided to return to my country. Kindly advise me if I can claim any compensation for my services rendered to the establishment.

Anonymous

IT doesn't matter if you didn't have a contract as long as you were employed, and worked for the company. You are entitled to claim end of service indemnity, which will be calculated and paid according to the Kuwaiti Labour Law.

If the company refuses to pay, you can

claim the end of service indemnity by filing a case in the Social Affairs Ministry.

I SOLD some goods to a person and received a post-dated cheque from the buyer. When it was presented at a bank, it was dishonoured. Can any legal action be taken against the buyer? Will the court honour the post-dated cheque? I understand that the court takes lenient view of such matters.

A businessman IT is a criminal offence to issue a cheque without adequate money in an account to cover it. The prosecutor will investigate the case, and the court will issue a judgement. In such cases, the maximum penalty is five years imprisonment.

A commercial case can also be filed, based on evidence — the bank's stamp disowning the cheque — to prove your claim. The decision of a court is final, and binding, in such cases.

I CAME to Kuwait in September 1989. My company promised me a salary of KD80 per month, now they are paying only KD50. Now, I want to cancel my visa and re-enter on a fresh visa to work for another company, which is willing to sponsor me. What should I do?

C. Red CAN you prove, with sufficient documentary evidence, that the promised salary was KD80? If you can prove it, you can file a case against the employer and claim the difference in salary; during the court case you can also ask for a cancellation of your visa. And if the other company sponsors you, then you can return on a fresh visa.

I WANT to be self-employed and open my own business. What visa should I apply for?

L. Belle

A PERSON can be self-employed, only if he/she owns an establishment. There are many conditions for self-employment. I suggest you contact the immigration department and discuss your situation, asking for details of how best you can proceed in the matter.

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whiskey.

Further investigations revealed that the contraband was obtained from the flight attendant who confessed that he brought it from abroad while returning from trips abroad.

THE COURT of First Instance sentenced one A.A. to two years in jail, but agreed to suspend the sentence for a period of three years based on good conduct and a fine of KD50.

The court was told that the accused on arrival at the airport was found to be carrying a quantity of hashish and some bottles of beer.

The accused told the court that the beer was for his personal consumption, and claimed that the small piece of hashish was placed in his bag by a girl because of a personal dispute.

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But the court said that according to law, the company can keep the passport of the employee as long as he works with it and it should be returned after the service period is over. It added that seizing the passport implies a restriction on the personal freedom of the employee, which is against the law and the constitution. It further added that if the employee was wanted in a case, it is for the country's authorities to stop him from leaving Kuwait and the company has no right to do so. For that, the court urgently ruled that the company return back the passport to the employee.

■ A MAN was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment with hard labour and fined KD50 to be followed with deportation, for forging a photocopy of his Civil ID. The man had stayed in a local hotel and supplied them with a photocopy of his Civil ID. After staying for one month, he left before paying the remaining part of the bill. The hotel informed the police station who arrested the man and after comparing the photocopy and the original Civil ID, it was found that the man had forged the expiry date and one of the civil number's digits. The man confessed to the forgery.

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## Thought for today

THREE may keep a secret, if two of them are dead — Benjamin Franklin, US statesman (1706 - 1790).

## Very much in control

## Military ushers Sudan into '90s

KHARTOUM, (Reuters): Sudan's military government is vigorously enforcing its authority as the new decade opens.

"The revolution will destroy anyone who stands in its way ... and amputate those who betray the nation," says military strongman General Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

Bashir's 15-man junta seized power from an elected civilian government in a June 1989 coup and assumed authority over almost every aspect of life in Sudan, Africa's largest country and one of the world's poorest with a per capita annual income of \$440.

The 52-year-old devout Muslim, a battle-hardened soldier in Sudan's civil war, became the de facto head of state, prime minister, defence minister and commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

He pledged sweeping reforms, including peace with rebels who have been fighting a bush war since 1983 against what they see as the domination of mainly Christian and animist southern Sudan by the Muslim north. Bashir himself served at least one combat tour against the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

Bashir imposed a state of emergency, suspended the constitution and dissolved parliament, political parties and trade unions.

## Constitution

Diplomats and opposition sources said a wide-scale purge of the civil service carried out by the junta on seizing power was mainly targeted at leftists, perceived by successive Khartoum governments as SPLA sympathisers and the traditional opponents of past military governments.

The London-based human rights group Amnesty International said in December political opponents were being held by the junta as hostages against a possible popular uprising.

Foreign diplomats and opposition sources allege many of the scores of detained junta critics were beaten and families spend days and sometimes weeks trying to discover where their relatives are being held.

Information Minister Ali Shomou categorically denied the reports of the beatings. "It is not in the Sudanese nature to be involved in such actions," he told Reuters.

Opposition sources say scores of trade union members and political activists are banned from travelling.

Doctors whose outlawed union staged a one-week strike in November, have since been banned from leaving the country except on government-sponsored trips.

A doctor accused of leading the walkout has been sentenced to death and the junta warned that it would strike with an iron fist against any further industrial actions.

Khartoum residents say they are stopped by plainclothes policemen who ask them to empty their pockets to check whether they are carrying foreign currency, a crime punishable by death under a law introduced by the junta in July.

A prominent businessman was hanged in December for illegally possessing foreign currency and at least three others were sentenced to death by military tribunals which convicted them of similar charges.

Khartoum, a mainly slum city of an estimated seven million people, has been under a night curfew since the coup.

Tanks still stand outside army headquarters, the radio and television building and on key bridges.

Bashir has vowed never to allow the return of a multi-party system and recently spoke of an umbrella political organisation — effectively a one-party system.

## Committees

Libyan-style popular committees, established by the junta and given far-reaching powers, are said by residents to have taken the law into their hands in some of Khartoum's poorest districts.

The committees, whose authority is said by Bashir to be second only to the junta, have mainly absorbed members of the now-banned National Islamic Front (NIF) party, the diplomats and opposition sources said.

Bashir, whose junta is widely suspected of leaning heavily towards militant Islamic ideology, has repeatedly denied the existence of any link between his government and the NIF, whose leader was freed from jail in December.

Diplomats and opposition sources said the junta's rhetoric, political agenda and the wide support it receives from student bodies dominated by the NIF suggested the opposite.

The NIF campaigned for years for a strict implementation of Islamic sharia laws and advocates a hard line on the SPLA rebellion.

The junta and the SPLA held two inconclusive rounds of talks, in Addis Ababa in August 1989 and four months later in Nairobi but they collapsed at the end of the year over the rebels' demand that Islamic law be lifted.

Amnesty International said in a report issued in December that government forces and militias fighting the SPLA on the army's behalf have continued the pattern of human rights violations which existed prior to the June 30 coup.

The reports mentioned killings, extra-judicial executions and mysterious disappearances of southerners in the south and in one case in Khartoum.

The junta has not commented publicly on the report, but the government-controlled press has in several articles described Amnesty's findings as lies.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1517 — Turkish troops take Cairo, Egypt.

1528 — England and France declare war on Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.

1655 — Oliver Cromwell dissolves Britain's Parliament.

1760 — French are defeated by British under Eyre Coote at Wandewash, India.

1771 — Spain agrees to cede Falkland Islands to Britain.

1811 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte annexes Oldenburg and alienates Russia's Tsar Alexander.

1879 — About 4,000 heavily armed Zulu warriors assault British troops in battle of Rorke's Drift (South Africa), where 139 soldiers repel attacks for almost 12 hours.

1905 — "Bloody Sunday" in St Petersburg, Russia, when workers in revolt are fired upon by Cossacks and imperial army troops.

1944 — Allied forces begin landings at Anzio in Italy in World War II.

1957 — Israeli forces complete withdrawal from Sinai peninsula, but remain in Gaza Strip.

1966 — In Nigeria, it is disclosed that prime minister Abubakar Tafawa Balewa is dead, apparently slain in coup a week earlier.

1968 — US B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs plunges into Greenland bay, and Washington say there is no danger of explosion because bombs were unarmed.

1986 — Three Sikhs are convicted of 1984 assassination of India's prime minister Indira Gandhi and are sentenced to death.

1989 — Israeli cabinet discusses new get-tough policies that allow soldiers to shoot even when their lives are not in danger.



Palestinian youths spray messages on walls.

## Busy street turns to war zone

## Life under Israel in occupied areas

RAMALLAH, Occupied Territories, (WNL): One trick you learn on an ordinary day spent in a town like Ramallah in the occupied West Bank is how to turn a busy shopping street into a war zone in under four minutes: just whistle.

Perhaps it was not such an ordinary day: for one thing, the shops were open. After long days of curfew imposed by the Israeli army that had killed all activity, families were scurrying to gather enough staples to face the next three or four days of curfew when they would have to remain locked in their homes all day and night. So people hustled about in the main street of Ramallah, a town some 15 km east of Jerusalem.

Suddenly, a group of youths gathered at the corner of the high street and started to whistle. Like a strange domino-effect, metal shutters slammed down one after the other. Within two minutes the street was deserted. Sirens sounded and seconds later, the street was full of military jeeps, soldiers pounced, sweeping the air with their machine guns. But there was nothing or no-one to shoot at.

The troops went away, but the stories did not reopen. It was a short day for shopkeepers who have lost heavily during two years of Palestinian rebellion. Lucky if they can sell their wares a few mornings here and there. But then any notion of normality is an illusion in the occupied territories: workers don't work, students don't study, children don't go to school, people can't go out or visit each other, civilised society as it exists in other parts of the world is agonising.

Two years of intifada (Palestinian uprising) with its demonstrations, killing of teenagers and children by the Israeli army, curfews, arbitrary arrests, restrictions of movement and school closures have destroyed the social fabric to the point that the breakdown of law and order is almost total. For want of any competent authority, people are making their own rules and taking the law into their own hands.

## Estimates

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin estimates that about 40,000 Palestinians have been arrested since the intifada began, many of them more than once. And according to United Nations figures 37,000 have been wounded. West Bank schools reopened last summer after nearly 18 months of closure, but they were ordered to close again recently for two months.

Besides the deaths of children in the streets, one of the most flagrant signs of the disease eating into the social body is the increasing number of executions — or murder, depending on which side you are on — of Palestinians accused of collaborating with the Israeli occupying forces. Twenty years of occupation have produced a substantial crop of people who in some way work or have worked with the Israelis for

personal gain, but it seems that recruitment has increased dramatically since the beginning of the uprising.

Said 40-year-old Anita Vitullo who has lived in the occupied territories for over 10 years: "Before the intifada, the authorities used a limited group of collaborators but did not rely on them for high intelligence; they used them mainly for land fraud. It was not a well-developed network, they usually chose the marginal elements in society who had already been singled out by the community as third generation collaborators from families who had worked before with the Turks and the British."

American-born Vitullo is married to Palestinian journalist Soum al Khoury, a correspondent for the international news agency Agence France Presse who is currently in jail. She has worked on human rights issues and is also a writer who has studied the question of collaborators closely. Things have changed a great deal since (the beginning of the uprising in) December 1987, she explains: "Now we're seeing a much broader sweep — mass recruiting, it is quantity rather than quality that the (Israeli) authorities are after."

## Collaborators

Collaborators reportedly operate in every neighbourhood, village or refugee camp, forming what seems to be an effective network that has spread fear and mistrust throughout the communities of the occupied territories where approximately 2.3 million Palestinians live.

Adds Vitullo: "There are different levels of collaborator activities. At the highest level are people who are actually armed by the Israeli authorities and who use their weapons. We estimate that they number several hundred: there's one in every village, and probably 10 in every town. There are cases when a patrol of Israeli soldiers will be accompanied by the local collaborator to show where houses are that they want to destroy or to point out youths they want to arrest."

Arming collaborators is a recent development. They in turn surround themselves with body guards who also carry weapons, effectively constituting a small militia. "There is very active participation in militia activities on the part of the Israeli authorities," Vitullo said.

Instead of receiving weapons, another sort of collaborators are given communication devices, usually 2-way radios, she said. "That way, they can report on the whereabouts of wanted youths, on activities, when and where demonstrations are going to start, so that the Israeli soldiers can move in immediately." This seems to be most widespread in the Gaza Strip.

In return for their services, collaborators are given different advantages. "There are several systems. Some people are given land, other local power, i.e. the

power to issue permits and licenses as they please. Others are given drugs, or even sexual favours," Vitullo said.

An unexpected development is that Palestinians are shunning the traditional networks of traffickers dealing in arms or drugs because it is said that either they have sold out to the military authorities which control the routes for these two commodities into the territories, or they are in such a compromising position that they can easily be blackmailed into collaborating.

Methods of recruiting collaborators vary widely. Vitullo said: "There is a known case in which a high school teacher who was a suspected collaborator invited young students to his house. They were very young and he would lure them into very compromising situations and then used photographs or video tapes to blackmail them into reporting on fellow students and any activities in the school."

"Also we are seeing very young children of the ages of 8 or 9 to 13 being beaten just for intimidation. It is a primitive method of recruiting, but it is widely used to scare them into reporting on the activities of other kids in the schools or neighbourhoods."

An age-old method is to plant informers among prisoners. Hassan, who asked that his last name not be used, said he had plenty of time to see how the system works in Israeli prisons. He agreed to an interview the day after he was released from jail, after 45 days in detention. At 27, he has been in and out since he was a young teenager, although no charges have been filed against him.

"First of all, the Israeli military quite often uses collaborators as interrogators. They also mix them with prisoners and some are actually given prison sentences — up to life — to make them more reliable," he explained. "If they can't get information out of you after interrogation, beating or torture, they can throw you into a whole room full of collaborators. After 45 days of interrogation, a prisoner thinks at last he is among his own people. They'll ask him what political group he belongs to and pretend to be friends. You have to be very careful about what you say to whom in prison these days."

Military statistics show that about 170 Palestinians accused of collaborating have been killed during the past two years, with a sharp increase in recent months. Israelis point to the savagery of the killings, while Palestinians list their long list of "martyrs" — more than 700 killed by Israeli troops since the beginning of the intifada. Among the Palestinians killed because of collaborators, people often cite the case of Yasser Abdul Ghosh, who at 17 was known as the "dynamo" or "hero" of Ramallah. "One day he was followed by the Shin Bet (secret service) who were in civilian clothes," a local school teacher recalled.

Israel has accused Husseini of being a key organiser of the Palestinian uprising, which has convulsed the territories for the past two years, claiming more than 800 lives.

But he is on the list of nearly all experts as a key member of a future Palestinian delegation and is seen as one of the most authoritative west Bank leaders as well as a man who has advocated peace with Israel.

The Israelis seem to be building up a case against him to leave him out of the talks. But if he is not acceptable as a partner, who is?" said one Middle Eastern diplomat.

## Analyst

Berry Rubin, an analyst with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said all the current problems could be overcome given goodwill and imagination from the parties.

"But right now, things are stalled and it's proving very difficult to get over the hump," he said.

One administration official said Baker's main weapon to get things moving was a constant, unspoken threat to abandon his mediation effort, leaving both Israelis and Palestinians with the job of explaining the failure to their respective constituencies and the world.

"Baker will have to use all his wiles and negotiating skills. So far, he has simply refused to take 'no' for an answer," the official said.

According to Geoffrey Kemp, a Middle East analyst with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir remained the key player.

"As long as he's under pressure from his own right wing, he won't make the kind of concessions needed," he said.

On the other hand, Shamir feared being saddled with the blame for the process failing. This could reinforce calls in the US Congress for a cut in Washington's \$3 billion aid to Israel.

"Shamir is a canny enough politician to know that if the process collapses completely, he will come out a loser. To that extent, the process remains alive," said Kemp.

The key stumbling block to progress remains the composition of the Palestinian delegation. Israelis insist it cannot include representatives from Occupied Jerusalem or leaders deported from the occupied territories.

## Art Buchwald

## Bad eggs in Centam out to lunch

WHENEVER democratic revolutions occur, it is almost impossible to find anybody who used to serve with the secret police. Like the Nazis who never existed, today's bad eggs in Central America are all out to lunch.

One suspect in Panama named Pedro the Fingerbreaker was caught in the trunk of his car.

"Pedro the Fingerbreaker, I arrest you in the name of the free people of Panama," the major declared.

"Why me?" Pedro asked, as he kicked his rubber hose under the spare tire.

"You were a member of the secret police." "I am an innocent man. I was only obeying orders. Ask my superior, Tito the Toothpuller."

"Pedro the Fingerbreaker, I never laid a hand on a political prisoner except in self-defence."

"According to my information, you tortured political prisoners."

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# Jordan parties queue for legal status

AMMAN, Jan 21, (Reuters): Encouraged by a glow of democracy in Jordan, new political parties are being formed or emerging from years of suppression, but none have yet won legal recognition.

King Hussein outlawed political organisations in 1957, but allowed known party members to run in November's general parliamentary election, the first in 22 years.

"There is no real democracy without political parties," Lower House Speaker Suliman Arar told Reuters.

"You have a democratic state when the majority has the right to rule and the minority to oppose," said deputy Hussein Mjalli, a pan-Arab nationalist. "But when the state is ruled by a single individual, group or elite, it becomes a dictatorship."

## Jordanian Parliament endorses ACC charter

AMMAN, Jan 21, (Reuters): Jordan's Lower House of parliament ratified the founding charter of the Arab Council Co-operation (ACC) yesterday after a lively debate.

The ACC, an economic alliance grouping Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen, was set up in Baghdad last February.

Several deputies also called for an emergency Arab League summit on a suggestion by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that Israel needed the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to resettle Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union.

Israeli officials expect up to 750,000 Soviet Jews to arrive over the next five to six years. Jordan, with a large proportion of Palestinians among its three million people, is worried when Israeli right-wingers say it is the Palestinian homeland.

King Hussein said on Thursday that Israel must force Palestinians from the occupied territories to make room for Soviet Jews.

Prime Minister Minder Badran attacked deputies who questioned the motives behind the creation of the ACC, which aims to work slowly towards full unity through gradual economic integration.

When these four countries take such a move, you should clap and not level any criticism against the ACC," Badran told the house.

A number of pan-Arab nationalists criticised the presence of Egypt, the only Arab country to make peace with Israel, in the alliance.

"I am for Arab co-operation on condition that it is not under the leaderships of the Americans and provided it does not work to market positions that lead to talks with Israel," said Hussein Mjalli, a former member of the pro-Syrian Baathist Party.

Egypt, a close ally of the United States, is trying with Washington to promote an Israeli-Palestinian meeting in Cairo to discuss elections in the occupied territories.

Deputy Bassam Hadadin, from the banned Marxist-Leninist Jordanian People's Democratic Party, said he hoped the ACC countries would work towards "respecting democratic freedoms in their states."

## Train crash kills 13 in Djibouti

DJIBOUTI, Jan 21, (Agencies): A passenger train and a goods train collided head on near the Ethiopian border, killing 13 people and injuring 50, officials said today.

Interior Ministry officials said yesterday's crash at Galley on the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway was caused by a point switch error.

The passenger train, carrying up to 600 passengers, was travelling from Djibouti towards Ethiopia on the single track line. Two of the coaches overturned in the crash.

French military helicopters stationed in Djibouti ferried the most seriously injured to hospital.

Local rescue workers late yesterday dug through the wreckage looking for bodies, assisted by French soldiers stationed in the former French colony. Interior Minister Khaire Allal said.

Allal said early reports indicated the accident was due to human error.

The conductor of the freight train, stopped at Galley station in southern Djibouti, told officials that the passenger train was to have been diverted to another track. Instead, it arrived at an excessively high speed and smashed into the parked freight train.

The locomotive and first car of the passenger train were crushed like an accordion by the impact, AFP reported.

Communications and transportation problems caused by heavy rains in southern Djibouti hampered rescue efforts.

At least 16 parties, some established, some in the process of formation, are mulling over plans to apply for legal status.

But progress towards a multi-party system hangs on the king's promise of a national charter to guide political parties.

The idea, far from universally approved, is for a broad-based royal commission to draw up an overall creed to which all would be political parties would subscribe.

A government source said the royal commission, due to be named this month, would include members of parliament. The Lower House demanded the right to participate in writing the national charter in return for its approval of the concept.

King Hussein's declaration after the November election that the charter would be submitted

to a popular plebiscite kindled fears among some deputies that he was trying to bypass the elected parliament or the constitution.

The king tried to allay such fears last week by saying his aim was the same as in 1956 when he let Suliman Nabulsi form a leftist Nasserite coalition government after Nabulsi's National Socialist Party won a parliamentary election.

In 1957 the king fired Nabulsi and banned parties.

"We are determined to make (democracy) a success this time," King Hussein told the Jordan Times.

The king, a near-absolute ruler for the past three decades, said he wanted to share power with his people.

"I personally have no intention to go back to the old way or any other way. I personally

shouldered the responsibility for a long time. It is time for the Jordanians to share the responsibilities with and after me," he said.

The electoral success of the Muslim Brotherhood, which won more than a quarter of the seats in the Lower House, may have spurred the king towards allowing political pluralism.

Seen as a useful bulwark against radicals in the turbulent 1950s and 1960s, the Brotherhood escaped the ban on political parties. But it emerged in the election as a well-organised party with a simple, powerful slogan, "Islam is the solution."

Political parties may have to wait for the charter and the subsequent amendment of legislation before they win official recognition and none has yet applied to the Interior Ministry.

## Hirawi, Assad in crucial talks

### Focus on ouster of Aoun

DAMASCUS, Jan 21, (Agencies): Lebanon's new Syrian-backed President Elias Hirawi, struggling to extend his authority over all his country, arrived in Damascus today and went straight into talks with President Hafez Al Assad.

Syrian official media, hailing Hirawi's first foreign visit since his election in November, promised him all necessary help to remove General Michel Aoun, who refuses to recognise the internationally-supported president of his government.

Thousands of Syrian and Lebanese troops are ringing the Christian enclave around east Beirut, which Aoun controls with the aid of 15,000 mainly Christian troops from the divided army.

After a full-scale ceremonial welcome, Hirawi, his Prime Minister Selim Hoss and parliamentary Speaker Hussein Huseini began a first round of talks with Assad at the Tishreen guest palace.

Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam, Prime Minister Mahmoud Zubi, parliament Speaker Abdel Qader Qaddoura and Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharif also attended.

"Syria is today more determined than at any time before to extend every possible help to Lebanon's legitimacy to achieve what is supposed to be done," said Al Baath newspaper, organ of the ruling Baath Party.

"The Lebanese brothers know well that Syria, the nearest to Lebanon, would be fully satisfied if she was asked to extend help, any help, to achieve the reconciliation process..."

The paper said "circumstances were now appropriate" to remove Aoun. It urged a unified Arab stand to achieve this on the basis of a pact to end Lebanon's 14-year civil war which was agreed by Lebanese Members of Parliament in Taif, Saudi Arabia, last October.

"Aoun rejects the Arab-sponsored power-sharing pact which

led to Hirawi's election because it fails to stipulate a withdrawal of Syria's 40,000 troops from Lebanon.

Diplomats said Hirawi was expected to visit several Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco, to push for a solution.

Their heads of state make up a committee formed by an Arab summit last year to try to end Lebanon's conflict.

Lebanon's two rival governments are now at an armed standoff, and the next stage of the conflict may be diplomatic rather than military.

Aoun is insisting on his government's legitimacy, though Hirawi was elected president by parliament in November.

Hirawi's Syrian supporters have backed off taking action for the time being against Aoun. Over the past few weeks, the Syrians have quietly withdrawn 15,000 troops from around Aoun's Christian enclave north of Beirut, which comprises less than one-third of Lebanon's

Speaker of the Lebanese parliament Hussein Al Huseini has predicted that Aoun would meet the same fate of that of former Panamanian leader General Manuel Noriega.



Assad (right) during talks with Hirawi at the Tishreen guest palace in Damascus. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US directed rebels in failed raid

### Pakistan took part: Kabul

KABUL, Jan 21, (AP): A top Afghan general charged yesterday that US Ambassador to Pakistan Robert Oakley and Peter Thomson, a special US envoy directed the Muslim rebels in a failed attack in eastern Afghanistan last March.

Gen. Abdul Haq Uzmi, secretary for military forces of the supreme council for the defence of the homeland, also claimed that two Pakistani artillery units participated in the attack on the provincial capital of Jalalabad.

Uzmi told foreign journalists, he had "clear evidence," but didn't elaborate. Thomson was named special envoy to the Afghan insurgents last July.

The general claimed that Pakistani troops dressed in "Afghan clothes" fought alongside the rebels in eastern Afghanistan.

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accusations of direct involvement in the civil war.

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### Nehru Birth Centenary Competition

The IAC held the concluding ceremony of the Nehru Birth Centenary Children's Competition at their auditorium in Funaites. The pictures show two of the participants.



### ARTS

#### Seminar

The seminar at the DAA, on Arabic and European Arts, The Light of Zodiacal Symbols, has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feb 11 - March 11, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration maybe made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259.

**Tribal Rugs & Oriental Prints**  
THE Sultan Gallery extended their Tribal Rugs and Oriental Prints exhibition until Jan 31. The gallery is open from 9.30 am to 12.30 noon and 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For more information contact: 2421951.

#### Iraqi ceramics

An exhibition of Iraqi ceramics is currently being held at the Hunting and Equestrian Club. The exhibition will be opened everyday until January 26 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

#### SOCIAL

##### Kuwait Singers

THE Kuwait Singers will begin rehearsals for its May concert on Monday, January 22, at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. New members are most welcome. For more information contact 4884134 or 390922.

##### Konkani drama

THE New Goans Overseas Association is pleased to announce McInu Dc Bandar's "Sounshant Astana Diat" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funaites) on 16th February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Felcy, Josephine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosario Dias, C. D'Silva, John de Parra and Menina de Bandar. Tickets now available at Canary Video (Sharp) and Video Clock (near G.P.O.). Rush for tickets, one show only.

##### Hotel Ramada Al Salam

A GRAND Indian Food Festival will be held from Jan 21-26 to coincide with the Republic Day of India. Arun Bhatnagar, the Ambassador of India will grace the occasion, which will be supported by various Indian companies with stalls displaying Indian products. Enchanting performances by Indian classical dancers and musicians will be the highlights. A scrumptious Indian cuisine seeks to complete a memorable event.

##### Flag hoisting

On the occasion of the Republic Day of India on Jan 26, 1990, there will be flag hoisting ceremony at 0900 hrs on that day, in the Indian Embassy premises at No. 34, Istiqlal Street.

##### Ladies International League

LIL newcomers coffee morning will be held on Monday 29 January from 10 am to 12 noon at the Sheraton Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait and LIL are most welcome.

**Kalpak's Drama Competition**  
KERALA Arts and Literature Promotion Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is conducting a Malayalam One Act Play Competition at Indian Arts Circle on 9th February 1990.

##### Ballet

STEPS Ballet School commences its new term. Jan 1990 registration is now open Sat-Wed in the Kuwait English School, Salwa from 3-7 pm. Call 5386481 between 9-12 noon for more information. (For girls only 4-15 years).

#### II Annual one act Play Competition

INDIAN Arts Circle announces the II Annual One Play Competition to be held during Eid holidays in April, 1990. The competition is open to Plays in any Indian language including English. Awards shall include Best Play (1st, 2nd & 3rd), best Director, Best Actor & Actress, Best Child Actor, Best Stage Setting and Best Acting Performance from each team. Registration form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funaites. Last date of submitting registration form with required details is 28th February, 1990.

Please contact IAC office (Tel. 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities are requested to join.

##### British Council

Story Telling Session: Thursday, Jan 25 at 10.30 am. Come and enjoy the magic of books with a story teller. Children of all nationalities, ages 3-7 are invited. Please book seats by calling Tel. 2515512, 2533204; 2533227.

Lecture: "Postgraduate Study in Britain" on Monday, Jan 22 at 6.00 pm. Come and find out about studying for your Masters or Ph.D. in the UK. Please book seats by calling Tel. 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

Bookworm Contest: The British Council is launching a bookworm contest open to children aged 7-15 years. Read as many books as you can. Have fun reading and win prizes. Register now at the British Council Library. Closing date for registration: Jan 27, 1990.

##### The Carnival Nite (By the Entertainers)

IN the arena of entertainment "The Entertainers" proudly announces for the first time in Kuwait "The Carnival Nite" which is scheduled to be held at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel's Le Mirage main ballroom on 22nd February 1990. Be sure to be there with all your gilt and glamorous costumes to witness this traditional event. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers will rhythm out their best musical performance for this occasion.

##### Sazz aur Aawaz

SAAZ aur Aawaz which is one of the leading Indian musical groups with complete orchestra presents their fourth musical programme entitled "Bhule Bire Geet" covering hit songs of yesteryears at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites on Friday, Feb 2, 1990 at 6 pm. There will also be lucky draw prizes. For Passes call 3985456/361024/5638026 after 4 pm.

##### Bar-B-Q

IAC is organising its first Bar-B-Q night with the Octave group. Programmes start at 7 pm includes music, dance, games, and vegetarian and non-vegetarian bar-b-q. Entries are restricted by passes only. For details contact Sharma at 2644863, Sunny at 4343329, Jacoub 4319549, George 4735972.

##### Kuwait Little Theatre

Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi, are holding auditions for a comedy to be staged in the theatre in early March and directed by Dave Dorrington. The auditions will be held in the Theatre on 21 and 22 January at 8 pm. All those interested in auditioning are welcome. Those interested in helping backstage are also welcome to attend.

##### Raqs Sharqi

INTENSIVE courses (January and February) in Raqs Sharqi, the classical dance form of the Middle East. For details call 4836021.

#### Carnival Fiesta '90

YMCA/Incredible S.C. are proud to announce their Carnival Fiesta '90 at Messiah Beach Hotel (Habiba) on 22nd Feb 90.

Non stop dancing from 8.30 pm onwards to the beat of latest sensation "Hurricane Alley" and "Neighbouz".

Highlights: Best Carnival Couple (fancy) and many surprises. For details contact the Organisers. Hurry

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The Annual Burns Night Supper will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel on Thursday, February 1st. For further information and ticket reservation form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funaites. Last date of submitting registration form with required details is 28th February, 1990.

##### Bharati Kalai Mandram

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NRI Investors Forum is holding a lecture session at Indian embassy on Tuesday, the 30th January at 7.30 pm. The meeting would be addressed by a visiting expert from India. All Indians are welcome.

##### Hobby centre

A NEW 8 week course in Jewellery and Design making — For more details call: Telephone: 5618847 or 5317354.

#### SPORTS

##### Daniella Tennis 1990

Daniella organises again this year a tennis tournament for Dames. You can participate in ladies singles, men's singles and "social doubles". All Danish tennis players are welcome. Both beginners and more experienced. For further details and registration please call Carsten — 2402698 (office) or 3710215 ext. 27 (private) before Friday, Feb 2.

##### TIVIM Centre

TIVIM Centre is pleased to announce their 3rd Annual 9-a-

side Inter Village Football Tournament which will be held on the Sour grounds, Kuwait City, beginning March 27/28th 1990. For further information please contact organisers — 2441600 Casmiro.

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Special highlights will be: Parade by King Momo. Crowning of Carnival Queen by King Momo. Samba dance competition and group prizes, and many more to be announced.

Music will be specially created for this occasion to be performed by "Top Ranks" & "Perfect Strangers" be there as its "Viva la Carnival".

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#### EMBASSY

officials headed by Consul General, Olivia V. Palala, recently met with the leaders of the various Filipino organisations in Kuwait in order to thrash out the issue of integrating the Philippine community under one confederation or "umbrella organisation."

A majority of the associations represented by their respective leaders, during the meeting, came to a decision of forming a Council of Leaders whose membership shall comprise official representatives coming from the eight (8) existing Filipino organisations in Kuwait, namely: KAPILKU, FLASSIK, PBAK, SPOK, FCC, FILCHECK, KAMAY and KPBL. With this development, the associations agreed to form among themselves an interim body that will undertake the task of formulating the constitution and by-laws of the council.

The interim body will convene at the Mabuhay Restaurant on Thursday, January 25 at 8.30 pm. All individual associations are encouraged to have at least two (2) representatives to this "constitutional convention."

As this issue is of common interest and calls for combined action, it is expected that all associations will be properly represented to this convention and prove once and all that regardless of their particular fields of endeavor, they work for a common cause, that is unity among the members of the Filipino community in Kuwait.

### TELEVISION PROGRAMME

#### KTV 1

##### THE MORNING PERIOD

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Kher, news  
9.50 Cartoon serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)  
10.30 Alfa Wajh Lil Haqq Arabic serial, starring Salah Zoolfikar, Muhsina Tawfeeq, and Mohammed Redha

12.05 From My Kitchen: Local programme

12.15 Al Malouf: local weekly serial (part 3), starring Abdul Husain Abdul Redha, Mohammed Jaber, Abdulla Kharab

12.25 News summary

12.30 The World Today via Satellite

12.55 Holy Quran and Closedown

##### THE EVENING PERIOD

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran

4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)

4.45 Beren: cartoon serial

5.15 Mama Anisa and the Children: local children's programme prepared and presented by Samiya Mohammed

5.15 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements

6.00 Al Fares Al Aashiq: historical serial (part 5)

7.00 Varieties

7.15 Holy Quran and Science: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi Ibrahim

8.00 Cultural programme

8.30 Good Evening and local news

9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Omsiyat Al Etheen: local weekly programme, with show guest Dr Mohammed Al Rumaihi, prepared and presented by

12.00 News in Brief

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

#### KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran

6.10 Winnie the Pooh: A cartoon series for children

6.30 Wild South "Kakapo Night Parrot": A look at the Kakapo, a bird that lives in the forests of New Zealand.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kuwait to buy new oil tankers

KUWAIT, Jan 21, (Kuna): Kuwait will soon buy four new oil tankers to cope with the rising demand, board chairman of the Kuwait Oil Tankers Company (KOTC) Abdul Fattah Al Bader has said.

Bader, in an interview with a local daily published Saturday, said that the company had studied the world markets needs of tankers for the next decade and found that it needed bigger numbers of those large vessels.

He predicted that prices of carrying oil will increase within the few coming days, noting that Kuwait had thus decided to initiate a programme to build four new oil tankers.

The chairman affirmed that the KOTC will expand its fleet to protect Kuwait from the expected soaring prices, to prove its presence in the market and finally to carry out for its customers at reasonable prices.

Bader, noted that at present carrying a million barrel of crude from the Gulf area to the east necessitates 30 trips, underlining that any increase in production of Gulf countries such as Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and UAE will entail additional trips to carry their oil to the Japanese or European markets.

Bader said that Kuwait owns one of the most modern international fleets for carrying petroleum byproducts, noting that the KOTC carries almost 55 percent of oil refined in Kuwait.

## Slower economic growth predicted

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 21, (UPI): World-wide economic growth is expected to slow down this year and the revolutionary changes in central and Eastern Europe will have "profound" global economic implications, a senior UN economist said yesterday.

The economist said China, which suffered a drastic drop in growth in 1989, will have to cut down inflation and control its monetary situation. But he declined to link political turmoil to the country's economic slowdown.

Goran Ohlin, UN assistant secretary-general for development research and policy analysis, said latest forecasts suggested that the industrial countries' annual growth will fall below 3 per cent in 1990, compared with the 1989 growth rate of slightly over 3 per cent.

The world economy is expected to slow down further in 1990, but will retain a considerable diversity of growth "experience among countries," Ohlin said.

Latin America and Africa, which had slow growth in 1989, will have a "modest" one in 1990, South and East Asia will have a "moderate deceleration" but its average growth rate will remain high by most standards.

China, whose economic growth dropped to 5 per cent in 1989 from 11 per cent in 1988, is not expected in return to the rapid growth of the 1980s and will remain close to last year's sharply reduced rate.

"China was going to restrain the economy in any case and I don't think that the impact of demonstrations and political turmoil in Beijing was that great," he said.

The 11-per cent growth created a "bottleneck" in the Chinese economy, the government was running behind developments and the monetary situation was getting out of hand, he said.

The UN economist said inflation in China rose to an unprecedented 25 per cent in the first half of 1989 because of economic imbalances and "contractionary measures" taken in the world's most populous nation.

## More investment planned for Hong Kong, says Chinese official

BEIJING, Jan 21, (UPI): The new president of China's leading foreign trade and investment conglomerate said Friday the state-owned company plans to increase investment in "profitable" Hong Kong projects this year.

"Business is business," said Wei Mingyi, the new president of China International Trust and Investment Corporation, or Citic, at his first briefing for foreign reporters since being named to the post.

Citic is a profit-oriented company. We have to pay back foreign loans so any investment must be profitable," he said, adding that he expected investment in Hong Kong will increase over 1989.

Inside China, Wei said, Citic's primary focus will be to "put limited resources in places most needed by the state," with special emphasis on energy, transport, high-technology and other key industries.

Wei, a graduate of Brown University in the United States, was formerly a Citic vice president. He replaces Xu Zhaoqiang, who reportedly asked to retire due to his advanced age.

## Air service brings whiff of capitalism

PYONGYANG, Jan 21, (Reuters): A new air service this week brought a whiff of capitalism to North Korea and businessmen on the inaugural flight said they were optimistic over investment prospects in the rigidly communist nation.

Some of the 75 Asian businessmen on the flight said they saw potential in textiles and electronics manufacture although antiquated machinery and Byzantine bureaucracy created problems.

Finding itself increasingly short of ideological soul-mates since reform swept Eastern Europe, North Korea had realised its need for capitalist help with its backward economy, diplomats said.

But they added that self-styled great leader Kim Il-Sung, whose personality dominates every aspect of North Korean life, was determined to keep

strict political control. "The leadership is trying to achieve economic targets by ideological mobilisation without changing anything in the structure of industry or political organisation," said one diplomat.

The exact state of the North Korean economy is impossible for outsiders to know because the country does not publish meaningful economic statistics.

Officials last year put the country's per capita income at \$2,500 but Western economists said it was actually less than \$1,000.

A brief tour of the capital reveals a showcase of monuments and public buildings that is largely in darkness by 10 pm.

Sometimes through windows naked flames can be seen flickering. Even the few hotels for visitors use the minimum of lighting.

Foreigners living here say meat and fish are rationed but people have enough to eat and basic foods like rice are free, along with health care, housing and schooling.

There are few cars on the streets of Pyongyang and on bleak winter evenings—with the temperature well below freezing—there are huge queues at bus stops.

But the businessmen on the charter flight, by Hong Kong travel agency Joinworld Travel International said they were impressed by the standard of samples they were shown and the diligence of the workforce.

"They know very well the way of business and their people are sharp and efficient," said Thai businessman Plengsakdi Prakasapet, adding that he had been told that he would be coming back.

"We know North Korea is going to open up faster than everyone thinks," Joinworld plans a weekly charter flight from Hong Kong to Pyongyang via China from April.

A problem North Korea faces is that

loans totalling "several billion dollars" — in the words of a senior North Korean official last year — the country cannot yet go to Western financial institutions for help.

Diplomats said the government wanted to maintain its fierce self-reliance but was being forced to look westward because its economic ties with most other socialist countries were becoming more difficult.

Informal sources said the Soviet Union intends to transform its relations with other countries to a hard-currency basis in the next few years and they had "no information" on any direct aid now coming from Moscow.

"They get some loans and credits for stated industrial enterprises and they pay for these with goods produced ... last year the Soviet Union and North Korea launched their first joint venture," said one source.

Diplomats said another worry for the country was that it saw South Korea leaving it behind economically and it had to struggle to maintain military parity.

In his New Year speech Kim Il-Sung called for greater economic efforts, especially in the fields of energy, coal mining and steel production.

Officials said the great leader's power to inspire North Korea's 20 million people — even after 45 years in power — was demonstrated last year when an army of volunteers laboured to complete a vast sports complex in time for a festival.

"It was very difficult for us, but in the end we managed it," said one official.

"So afterwards we had conviction that if we all unite round our great leader Comrade Kim Il-Sung we can accomplish everything."

### Overseas construction eyes Soviet Union

## South Korea seeks Mideast markets

SEOUL, South Korea, Jan 21, (AP): South Korea's overseas construction industry, once dubbed the country's "golden goose," is hoping new markets in the Middle East and Eastern Europe will help it recover from a long slump.

South Korean contractors are eyeing post-war reconstruction projects in Iran and Iraq, expanding business in Libya and starting projects in the Soviet Union and other socialist nations.

"Finally, we seem to be coming out of a long tunnel of recession," said Choi Jae-Yol, a government economic researcher, referring to a surge in South Korean construction contracts overseas.

In the past two decades, South Korean contractors have won \$30 billion worth of contracts overseas, earning valuable foreign currency needed for the country's economic development.

But in recent years, the country's overseas construction slumped, with its volume of contracts falling from an all-time high of \$13.7 billion in 1981 to \$1.6 billion in 1988.

After eight years of recession,

the overseas construction volume began to pick up last year, reaching \$2.4 billion, and officials expect business in 1990 to top \$7.7 billion, some of it in socialist and communist nations.

South Koreans are expanding their business from labour-intensive civil engineering to technology-oriented projects such as power plants, but they still rely heavily on cheap labour to stay competitive.

South Korean contractors abroad hire cheap labour from Bangladesh, Thailand, the Philippines and other Third World Asian nations. At the end of 1989, 42,000 foreigners were in South Korean payrolls abroad, compared with 24,000 Koreans.

Korean overseas construction workers are paid roughly \$875 a month, while other foreign workers earn only one-third of that amount, a price edge companies say is necessary for them to remain competitive.

Officials say Libya will emerge as South Korea's largest market in 1990 with \$5.7 billion in contracts, followed by Saudi Arabia with \$320 million, Iran with \$422 million and Southeast Asia with \$477 million.

Last September, Libya picked Dong-A Construction Co. of Seoul as a prime contractor for a \$5.5 billion water project. A formal contract for the project, the largest awarded a South Korean firm, will be signed this year.

South Korean companies received nearly 80 per cent of their overseas contracts in the Middle East in the past, but Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations scaled down development revenues as prices for oil dropped.

Choi, who works for the government-controlled Overseas Construction Association, said the recovery pace of the foreign construction business depends on the ability to share multi-billion-dollar rehabilitation projects in Iran and Iraq.

South Korea is one of the few countries in the world able to do business with both Iran and Iraq. During the eight-year Gulf war, South Korea stayed neutral.

Iran sought South Korean assistance in getting US-made jet parts for its air force, but the Seoul government rejected the request, citing its neutrality. Iran retaliated by downgrading its ties with Seoul to a chargé d'affaires, which was a charge d'affaires,

but restored full ties with Seoul after the 1988 ceasefire.

South Korea's rejection of Iran's request helped it open ties with Iraq, with which Seoul had no diplomatic relations. South Korea now maintains diplomatic relations with both Middle East nations.

South Korean companies received nearly 80 per cent of their overseas contracts in the Middle East in the past, but Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations scaled down development revenues as prices for oil dropped.

Choi, who works for the government-controlled Overseas Construction Association, said the recovery pace of the foreign construction business depends on the ability to share multi-billion-dollar rehabilitation projects in Iran and Iraq.

Several South Korean companies have sent teams of experts to Tehran to inspect a major petrochemical project at Bandar Khomenei in southern Iran, which was abandoned by Japan's Mitsui Corp.

### Economy reeling from conflicts

#### Foreign exchange plunges into crisis

NOUAKCHOTT, Jan 21, (Reuters): The Atlantic slave, once home to hundreds of Senegalese fishermen in brightly-painted dug-out canoes, is almost deserted.

The fishermen, who monopolised the rich waters off the capital Nouakchott, fled when communal riots swept through Mauritania and its southern neighbour Senegal last April.

They were joined by thousands of other Senegalese and black Mauritanians, depriving the country of skilled labour and foreign exchange and plunging the economy into crisis.

But recent plentiful rains in this mostly desert country and former world prices for iron ore have helped cushion the blow, diplomats and economists said.

#### KD rates steady

KUWAIT, Jan 21, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposits were barely changed in thin trade yesterday, a normal trend seen during the European week.

Dealers quoted overnight, tomorrow-next and spot-next funds steady at around 8-1/2, 16, 5/16 per cent. One-week to one-year deposit rates were indicated flat in a range of 8-1/2, 1/4.

Commercial banks quoted spot rates of 0.29240/70.

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involved in trade in everything from travel to arms sales.

Wei dismissed the possibility of a rumoured merger between the Hong Kong-based Dragonair and Cathay Pacific Airways, both of which fly to the mainland. Citic has bought into both companies.

"Each company has its own organisation and its own financing, and they don't operate on the same route," Wei said. "There's a possibility for some kind of co-operation, but I don't think they can merge together very easily."

Wei also said he expects smooth resolution of a labour dispute at a Citic-owned steel plant in Delaware. Under Citic's theoretically socialist ownership, the American management of the plant fired previously employed workers and hired non-union labourers.

"We will send Vice-President Huang Jiquan (to Delaware) next month," Wei said, stressing however that the steel plant is under American management and a decision will be reached in the United States.

## Boeing Co. plans to cut workforce

SEATTLE, Jan 21, (AP): Less than two months after settling a strike triggered in part by mandatory overtime for production workers, Boeing Co. said it expects to cut its Seattle-area workforce by as many as 5,000 people.

The aerospace giant said it needed to shed workers because it had completed start-up work on its newest generation jumbo jet and because warmer East-West ties had cast doubt on the outlook for its defense business.

Boeing said it hoped to achieve half the cuts through retirements and resignations, but company officials hinted that further layoffs could be possible.

About 1,700 hourly workers are to be laid off through April with another 300 later in the year, the company said Thursday.

The Martin Marietta Astronautics Group also announced plans Thursday to cut about 200 jobs by the end of February, but will transfer many workers to other posts within the aerospace giant, a company spokeswoman said in Denver.

The job losses come as Boeing enjoys a record backlog of more than 1,700 commercial jets worth about \$85 billion, with deliveries scheduled beyond the turn of the century.

Last year, the company added 10,000 employees in the Puget Sound area and was so strapped for production workers it borrowed 600 machinists from Lockheed. The company also required workers to put in heavy overtime schedules, which became a major factor in the 48-day strike by machinists that ended in November.

The Lockheed workers were needed on the new 747-400 Jumbo jet, which fell behind schedule as the company introduced four different versions of the long-range jetliner in 1989.

## Trent beats test targets

THE Rolls-Royce Trent, the world's most powerful turbofan, has beaten its first two performance test targets on its way to entering service with the new generation of wide-bodied aircrafts.

The Trent, newest member of the RB211 family, is due to run for the first time this summer, and firm orders and options already total 174 engines. Certification and first flight are scheduled for 1992 and the engine will enter service on Air Europe's new McDonnell Douglas MD-11's in 1993.

It has also been ordered by Cathay Pacific Airways and TWA to power their Airbus A330 airliners, and will be available for the new Boeing 767X.

### Travel rule eased

### Banks told to transfer money

KUWAIT, Jan 21, (Kun): A press report said here today that the Iraqi government has issued orders and instructions to banks in Iraq authorising overseas transfer of money in hard currencies.

Quoting unidentified sources a local daily said that instructions of the government have limited the amount of transfer to \$700 for all Iraqis who are granted permission to travel overseas.

The new step comes after the government of Iraq reversed its old policy of prohibiting travel of Iraqis to outside the country since the start of the war because of security reasons.

Meanwhile, the paper said that Iraqi authorities began issuing new passports and granting visas for those wishing to leave the country on vacations.

## Greek premier proposes drastic action for troubled state companies

ATHENS, Greece, Jan 21, (AP): Premier Xenophon Zolotas has proposed the drastic overhaul to troubled state companies and drawn the ire of workers in a bid to stop an annual \$700-million drain on the state budget.

He said Friday that 100-viable state companies should be liquidated and shares in viable enterprises sold to private interests. He added that would mean retrenchment of about 10,000 employees, sparking a protest from the country's largest labour union.

Zolotas stressed that immediate action was needed, describing the ailing former private companies as "a gaping wound that threatens to become gangrenous and cut off the legs of the economy."

He said these companies had accumulated debts of 600 billion drachmas (\$3.5 billion) and that another 120 billion drachmas (\$700 million) would be added to this in 1990 if they were "kept alive by artificial means."

Troubled private companies were

## Inflation fears drive equity, bond prices down

POLITICAL uncertainty in Japan and international concern over prospects of rising inflation were largely responsible for widespread nervousness and volatility in international equity and bond markets alike. The poor PPI and static CPI numbers and an increasing recognition that with a number of elements still in the pipeline inflation numbers could move higher in the near future, dimmed market perception of an imminent ease in Federal Reserve policy, according to NBK weekly market report.

The disappointing trade figures largely attributable to the Boeing strike also provided little evidence for future narrowing.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.71 and £1.64.

Price pressures have yet to succumb

to moderating economic activity. With a number of factors still in the pipeline, namely higher oil prices, the impact of an exceptionally cold winter in the US and the dollar's weakness, have still to materialise in the consumer price index.

Although we believe inflation fears are largely exaggerated the CPI over the next few months is likely to be stuck in a 4.5-5.0 per cent range. Against these inflationary concerns and the dollar's weakness the Federal Reserve will continue to be cautious in its approach and any likelihood of near term easing of policy can probably be ruled out.

Whilst the markets remain nervous of central bank intervention the dollar will continue to trade in its current narrow range.

Trading ranges for the week are

DM1.69-1.73 and Yen 144-147.

Equity and bond prices were driven down this week due to fears about higher inflation and a possible rise in interest rates. Sterling remained nervous with no clear direction.

The batch of economic data releases provided an unexpectedly strong surge in retail sales although the year on year figure remains subdued.

The much smaller than expected PSDR number prompted speculation that the budget

surplus could fall short of its £12.5 billion target in the current fiscal year.

Sterling ended the week at £1.63/2.81.

The impact of rising pay awards on the government's anti-inflationary strategy is causing considerable concern with the average earnings number

coming in at 9.25 per cent. This is likely to increase with several major wage settlements still to be agreed, implying an escalating wage-price spiral.

The balance of payments figures due out next week should provide a further indication of whether sterling's improved competitiveness is contributing towards a continued narrowing of the trade deficit with higher exports and import demand weakening in line with lower economic activity.

Sterling on competitive terms is now more justifiably valued and for the time being the currency is expected to be underpinned with investors taking advantage of the higher interest rate differential.

Trading ranges for the coming week are expected to be as follows: DM2.79-2.83 and £1.63-1.67.

At their regular council meeting this week the Bundesbank left its credit policies unchanged. However, although the recent trend in money supply figures have eased within target ranges, should inflationary numbers come in higher or if wage settlements agree are well above the norm, the Bundesbank may yet deem it necessary to raise rates.

Despite concerted central bank intervention the yen remains weak ahead of the elections next month. Fears that the ruling Liberal Democratic Party will perform badly following 35 years in power and the opposition an unknown quantity has unsettled the markets.

Separately, wholesale prices increased 2.5 per cent in 1989 which was the first increase in seven years mainly due to the 3 per cent consumption tax

introduced last April although the weak domestic currency and rise in crude oil prices also contributed.

In the US merchandise exports were slightly below expectations falling to \$30.19 billion in November from \$31.03 billion in October, \$30.68 billion in September and \$27.54 billion in November 1988.

Merchandise imports were higher than anticipated but also declined to \$40.69 billion in November from \$41.28 billion in October, \$39.19 billion in September and \$38.09 billion in November 1988.

Industrial production rose a higher than forecast 0.4 per cent in November compared with a 0.3 per cent increase in October.

### Bond market picks up

## Fed won't send rates any lower for now

NEW YORK, Jan 21, (UPI): US treasury issues recovered somewhat Friday after a week in which bond prices, already depressed by inflation fears and a sell-off in the Japanese bond market, tumbled on word that the US Federal Reserve won't send short-term interest rates any lower for now.

The benchmark US long bond, the 8-1/8 of 1990, closed at 98 10/32 to yield 8.28 against 8.17 per cent a week before, for a loss in the week of 1-1/4 points or \$1.25 for each \$1,000 face value.

Its yield, though off from Thursday, remained at levels not seen since last summer. Bond yields move up as prices decline.

The week's close represented a

gain from Thursday prices, when the long bond was at 97 20/32 for a yield of 8.33 per cent.

Joseph Plocek, senior vice president and chief economist for the McCarthy, Cristani and Maffei Inc. trading firm, said this recovery was "mainly just a bounce from the huge sell-off we saw yesterday."

But he said a bearish local economic forecast from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia "certainly was a plus." So were Bank of Japan indications that it would not hike interest rates. This steered capital away from Japanese instruments and back into US treasuries.

Still, prospects are anything

but cheery. "Right now the bond market is in a very bad mood," said Robert Dederick, the Northern Trust Co. Bank of Chicago's chief economist. "It sees no sun in the sky and is prepared to have every cloud disturb it."

Looking on the bright side, Smith Barney's credit market comment said the yield rise "solidifies our view that the economy will slow further over the months ahead," and offers "an excellent buying opportunity."

Heavy selling put the long bond off nearly a point Thursday on a report that two key Federal Reserve Board governors who earlier urged easier credit now

oppose lowering short-term interest rates. Investors had been hoping for more Fed easing, which could bolster long bonds.

Securities strategist James Kochan of Merrill Lynch capital markets said "few investors anticipated a sell-off of this magnitude."

Oversupply loomed as a potential effect of the treasury auction next week of \$5 billion in 40-year resolution Funding Corp. Bonds. Refcorp, the US agency overseeing the Savings and Loan Association bailout programme, sold \$4.5 billion of 30-year bonds in October in its first auction.

Turkey signs West German frigates deal

ANKARA, Jan 21, (Reuters): Turkey initiated an agreement today to buy two West German-designed frigates, a West German embassy official said.

One of the Meko-200 vessels will be built at West Germany's Hamburg shipyards and the other at Turkey's naval yards at Golcuk on Izmit Bay.

The financial aspects of the deal reached with a consortium of two West German companies, Thyssen and Blohm and Voss A.G., have not yet been finalised, the official said.

Turkey has already received four Meko frigates, two built in West Germany and two in Turkey, under a 1982 agreement.

The new vessels will join the Turkish Navy within five years, a Turkish military official told reporters. They would be equipped with electronic devices and weapons systems supplied from West Germany, the United States, Britain and Switzerland.

### Economy hit by strikes

ALGIERS, Jan 21, (Reuters): Algeria's economy was hit by an average of 250 strikes a month during 1989, 25 per cent more than the previous year, Social Affairs Minister Mohamed Ghrib said today.

A new constitution approved last February guaranteed the right to strike and parliament is now discussing laws to regulate labour conflicts.

Ghrib, quoted by the Algerian news agency APS, told parliament that 1,433 strikes erupted during the last three months of 1988 after youth riots ushered in a programme of political liberalisation.

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Safety test

Belgian Transport Minister Jean-Luc Dahaene tries a safety test at the Salon de L'Auto motor show in Brussels. The test is designed to show that a seatbelt holds the driver safely when a car rolls over. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Gulf Bank weekly market review

## KD eases against dollar

### Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate traded slightly lower against the US dollar ending the week at 291.32 fils compared with its week before last closing of 291.30 fils. The KD was higher against the Pound Sterling, ending the week at 480.39 fils compared with its week before last closing of 483.56 fils.

The KD was higher against the DM ending the week at 172.15 fils compared with its week before last closing of 172.19 fils. The KD was lower against the SFR ending the week at 192.95 fils compared with its week before last closing of 192.21 fils, according to Gulf Bank weekly market report.

The KD was lower against the Jordanian Dinar ending the week at 428.68 fils compared with its week before last closing of 420.38 fils. The KD remained almost unchanged against most other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As for the KD money market, short-term interbank offer rates traded mixed within a narrow range over the week. One-month interbank rates traded over the week at 8.56 per cent — 8.62 per cent range the week before last. Three-month interbank rates traded lower at one level of 8.56 per cent compared with 8.50 per cent — 8.62 per cent range for the week before last. Rates for longer periods traded higher around 8.43 per cent — 8.50 per cent range for both 6 and 12 months.

As for Treasury Bills, the CBK announced two new T-bills, the first is 3-month T-bill issue No. (89) of KD75 million, with effective and maturity dates of Jan 24 and 25 1990, respectively. The second issue is 6-months T-bill issue No. (90), of KD50 million with effective and maturity dates of Jan 24 and July 25, 1990 respectively.

### World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices fluctuated last week, moving higher earlier in the week, on gains in technology stocks and programme buying and moving lower under the pressure of sell programmes on news that IBM had reported lower-than-expected 4Q earnings and news that the US trade deficit widened to \$10.5 billion in November.

However, prices rebounded later in the week, supported by technical buying. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2670 and closed higher at 2678, recording a gain of 11 points over the previous week's closing at 2669.

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### French franc

The French franc opened the week against the US dollar at 5.7805/35 FFR and closed lower at 5.8185/50 FFR, compared to its week before last closing at 5.7425/55 FFR. Industrial production rose 1.1 per cent in November after increasing a revised 1.2 per cent in October. French trade deficit narrowed to FFR 2.57 billion in November after a revised October deficit of FFR 8.77 billion.

### Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at 1.5120/30 SFR, compared to its week before last closing at 1.4980/90 SFR. The Swiss trade deficit widened in December to 761.6 million SFR from 538 million SFR in November.

### Precious metals

Precious metals prices have traded in a narrow range last week, with no fresh influence apparent, apart from dollar fluctuations.

Gold bullion prices opened the week at \$411.50/412.00 and closed lower at \$409.75/410.25 recording a loss of \$5.75 over the previous week's closing at \$415.50/416.

# Filmmaker takes on General Motors in its birth place

NEW YORK. (Reuter): Once described as the worst place to live in America, the town of Flint in Michigan, home of General Motors Corp, the US number one carmakers, is at the centre of a new film exposing the follies of the American dream.

"Roger And Me" chronicles a three-year quest by carworker's son Michael Moore to confront General Motors chairman Roger Smith about the loss of 35,000 jobs at GM plants in Flint and the effect of unemployment on the town's 150,000 people.

Released in the US last month, the

rights to the highly-acclaimed a "documentary" have been bought by Warner Brothers for \$3 million.

But denounced by Smith — who denies that Moore ever sought to interview him — it has also been attacked by some critics who accuse Moore of distorting events.

The film does not make clear that although based on fact, the footage was taken over a 10-year period and not limited to events surrounding the time when Moore is alleged to have stalked Smith.

However, Moore comes off as a

master of the absurd in depicting what happened in Flint during those three years.

In one scene, Flint — named as worst place to live in America — is set to be featured on a late-night TV news programme but the show is cancelled when the television equipment truck was stolen.

In another vignette Flint spends millions of dollars on an "anteworld" theme park and a Hyatt Regency Hotel, both of which instantly go bankrupt.

Ronald Regan is shown dining with

12 unemployed GM workers at a local pizza parlour and a customer is seen walking away with the restaurant's cash box.

But the film does not make clear that the luncheon apparently occurred in 1980 during Reagan's campaign to become president, or that the cash box was taken three days before his visit.

Despite the flaws, the film's opening in December couldn't have come at a worse time for General Motors.

Faced with shrinking sales and ever-growing competition from Japanese companies, GM has recently shut

down several more plants, making thousands of workers idle.

Moore — hailed by the New York Times as "an irrepressible new humourist in the tradition of Mark Twain" — feels no sympathy for GM and its monetary losses.

"They should stop whining about all the competition. Just shut up and build a better car," he told Reuters.

Thirty-five year-old Moore is also a writer and former editor of the anti-establishment Mother Jones magazine who was fired for refusing to run an article attacking the left-wing govern-

ment in Nicaragua.

He helped finance his \$160,000 documentary with money won in a wonderful dismissal suit against the magazine, as well as profits made bingo games and the sale of his house.

Despite Moore's mockery of revered symbols of America, the public does not seem to be taking offence. The film is doing well at the box office.

It captures the underside of the decade's economic boom by zeroing in on home evictions and boarding-up storefronts in Flint, and in effect mocks all corporate greed and the materialism of the 1980s.

And it also offers an ominous glimpse of what may be in store for the 1990s in towns dependent on industries that can't keep up with the competition.

"The Reagan-Bush era has been a lot of 'don't worry, be happy,'" Moore said. "We should be worrying a little more. We've lost a lot of ground in the '80s, a lot of time."

"If the rest of the country can learn from Flint.

Shahira Mehrez blends the old with the new

## Fashion from Egypt's provinces

By Katia Sabet

MUSEUM or fashion house? One hesitates for a few minutes when entering Shahira Mehrez's shop in Cairo. Straight out of an orientalist painting of the 19th century when Western artists strove to depict the magic of Arab interiors and landscapes, it feels like a different world.

As soft lighting pierces the carved-wood shutters that adorn the windows, fabrics, potteries, "bubbly bubbly" water pipes, copper ware, miniatures and furniture of inlaid mother-of-pearl set the tone. Deep in a corner a majestic baroque sofa saved from an uncertain fate in an obscure shop in Alexandria beckons to let the visitor look comfortably at precious fabrics cascading over the side of a large wooden chest. Further in, the hush of a glass distiller used to make rose water glows softly.

These rooms, three floors up in the Dokki area of Cairo, are the domain of Mehrez, who has dedicated the past two decades to collecting, preserving and producing clothes, ornaments and objects used to be part of daily life in rural Egypt.

Mehrez, now in her early forties, is away but work continues in the shop where she brought

also collects traditional arts and crafts and who has worked with Mehrez for a number of years.

people and tourists. She began collecting them, and found not about a style that local women



together tributes to Egypt's past. Her associate is Nour Hakim, 36, originally from Lebanon, who

Says Hakim: "Shahira was born into a family of landowners in the Nile Delta, and since her childhood, she was fascinated by the clothes worn by the peasants in the fields or at home. One day she felt like wearing one of these dresses made of shimmering fabric worn by country women. She discovered that the pattern is really simple, yet very flattering to the female figure: it makes most women look slim and gives them a sort of majestic air, particularly when they walk."

Hakim explains that Mehrez later became interested in the traditional garb worn by men all over Egypt. To the surprise of the local peasant folk, she would go and brouse around in the markets and fair all over the Delta area, in the oasis of the Western desert, in Upper Egypt and in Nubia.

This, says Hakim, is how Mehrez discovered that the cut of women's dresses is essentially the same all over the country. One piece of fabric reaching down almost to the ankles with a rounded piece added on the chest, and a round collar and sleeves that puff at the wrist. From north to south, the pattern is the same, except for one detail: the breast piece and trimmings around it. The embroideries of the breast piece are what distinguishes a dress from Giza, near Cairo, to that worn by women in the desert oasis of Siwa or the town of Assiut in central Egypt.

To Mehrez, the dresses stand as a symbol of the rural Egypt that is so often ignored by city

call "embire". It occurred to her that not only the word but also the style came from the French word "empire," which is often used to describe a type of high-waisted dresses with puffy sleeves worn during the reign of Napoleon I, or Napoleon III.

It appears that when France's Empress Eugenie inaugurated the Suez Canal in 1869, she arrived with a whole retinue of French ladies who caused a revolution in Egyptian fashions that affected even rural areas.

Prints and drawings from the first half of the 19th century, before the Empress' visit to Egypt, show that women used to wear much simpler garments that looked like a sort of sack, often made of striped fabric with straight sleeves that were not gathered at the wrist.

In 1968, Mehrez set up a workshop in Cairo where she started producing not only women's dresses from old patterns, but also traditional garments for men. It was an immediate hit and in the early 70s, men and women alike were going to cocktail parties in Rome, Paris, New York and Rio de Janeiro wearing the Egyptian peasant's dress with wide sleeves and flowing fabric. Also hugely successful were the dresses made in the style worn by the bedouin women of the Siwa desert in eastern Egypt, with thousands of tiny mother-of-pearl buttons sewn on the front and intricate, colourful cross-stitch embroidery. The high cost of these dresses did seem to not

call "embire".

In the course of her travels, Mehrez met Michel Pastor and his wife Evelyne, a couple from Switzerland who have been living for years in the desert on the edge of the large oasis some 120km west of Cairo called Fayoum. They have become famous in Cairo for the pottery they make. Their meeting with Mehrez was the beginning of a strong friendship that brought together both the old and the new, the East with the West. Michel Pastor designed the interior of Mehrez' folklore museum which is due to open soon, in a space adjacent to her Dokki shop.



Messner (right) discusses ments of the special food with a dietician.

## A walk to save Antarctic

By Clare Pedrick

NEARLY 80 years after Roald Amundsen planted the Norwegian flag at the South Pole, an Italian and a German plan to be the first men to cross the Antarctic from coast to coast on foot.

Reinhold Messner, one of the world's top mountaineers, and Arved Fuchs, a specialist in polar expeditions, recently started their trek of 3,500 kilometers (2,200 miles) entirely alone, across the coldest expanse of territory on this planet. The two explorers do not make the crossing without the help of pack animals, the heavy-coated dogs that are traditionally used in Arctic land travel, and without an arbor to monitor their progress. The idea, says the 45-year-old Messner, is to push human endurance to the limit and to draw attention to the importance of preserving the Antarctic as the world's last real wilderness.

"If you use motorised sleds, heated cabins, airplanes and other technological gadgets, all you are doing is creating the very deceptive impression that the Antarctic is a place that can be conquered," he said. "Our idea is not to find out which is the most convenient method of transport but to understand the largest desert of ice on this earth in its complexities and with all the risks that result from the fact that we are tackling it with nothing more than human resources."

In choosing the Antarctic, Messner and Fuchs, both energetic campaigners for the environment, hope to gain public support for the idea of turning the area into a giant park. The Antarctic Treaty, a pact signed by 20 nations that bans the use of the area for nuclear testing and radioactive waste disposal and mandates the protection of living resources, will expire in 1991. Many environmentalists fear that without treaty protection the Antarctic will be vulnerable to commercial exploitation.

The Messner-Fuchs expedition was set to begin at Berkner Island, in the northwestern Antarctic. The two men flew there from Chile. Their goal was McMurdo Sound, at the south of a continent that is almost as large as the United States and Australia combined, and they hoped to reach the South Pole in time for Christmas. After that, it will be a race against time to finish the trek before the savage Antarctic winter sets in at the end of February.

Even in summer the Antarctic is known as one of the most hostile territories on earth, a desolate wasteland of ice where the temperature often drops below minus 35 degrees centigrade (minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit) and where blizzards and intense freezing winds can last for weeks at a time. In winter, temperatures of minus 80 degrees centigrade are not uncommon.

Messner, who was born in the mountainous Dolomite region of northern Italy, admitted to being scared by the challenge. "Thinking of this next adventure, I have the same worries and terrible fear that I had as a young boy when I made my first climb up the Dolomites," he said. "For me, this journey means conquering other areas of

myself, which so far have not been put to the test."

Lean, bearded and with the strong accent of one who grew up near the border with Austria, Messner is best known as a mountaineer, famous as the only man ever to climb all 14 of the world's highest mountains without oxygen supplies. During a career that spans 25 years he has scaled peaks from Mount Everest to Kilimanjaro. Between expeditions he lives with his companion, Sabine, and their 2-year-old daughter in a castle perched, appropriately enough, on the side of a mountain in Italy's Alto Adige region. This latest adventure represents a new departure. "It seemed that mountaineers had no more secrets to unfold. I've solved all the problems there are to be solved when it comes to mountaineering," he said.

Four years passed after Messner first had the idea of the Antarctic trek. Two years ago, as a trial run, he walked 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) from one side of Tibet to the other, crossing through forests and eliminating the peaks that stood in his path. But the Antarctic expedition has posed special problems: finding sponsors to underwrite expenses totalling nearly US \$750,000 and, almost as difficult, finding the right person to share four months of what are bound to be very stressful conditions.

The man whom he chose, 36-year-old West German Arved Fuchs, is an old hand at surviving sub-zero temperatures. He once crossed Greenland on foot and recently returned from an expedition to the North Pole. Fuchs is also an expert sailor, with a background in the German merchant fleet; his navigational skills will be of major importance during the blinding whiteouts that are a feature of arctic climates.

The two men planned to make most of their journey on sleds carrying their provisions. Weight is the key to the whole expedition. Each explorer has a maximum allowance of 80 kilograms (176 pounds), including his sled and skis. "If we took the same bulk of supplies as Scott and Amundsen we wouldn't have a hope of succeeding," said Messner. "Instead, we're taking about half what they did, even if it means exposing ourselves to much greater risks." (Amundsen was the first man to reach the South Pole, in December 1911. His team was beaten by British explorer Robert Scott in January 1912.)

Organising food for the journey was one of the major challenges. Messner and Fuchs will make just three supply stops, each one at a scientific research station, where they will have to load up with enough provisions to last five weeks. In the harsh Antarctic conditions their daily intake of food should be a massive 6,000 calories. With this in mind, a Milanese food specialist has developed a special diet for explorers designed as a special menu composed of high-energy chocolate and cereal bars, tablets and capsules of concentrated vitamins and mineral oils, and plenty of pemmican, a concentrated mixture of dried lean meat and melted fat originally created by North American Indians.

## Turkey aims to circle globe

VOT to reach 35 million

ANKARA, (Reuter): When Turkish Radio announced the death of national hero Mustafa Kemal Ataturk on a bleak November day in 1938, no one could be sure the puny 25 kilowatt (kw) transmitter would carry the shortwave message to Europe.

Fifty-one years after its first overseas broadcast, in English, French and German, the Voice of Turkey (VOT) almost circles the globe.

Listeners can tune in to their choice of 15 languages ranging from English to Chinese, Russian, Arabic, Albanian, Romanian, Urdu, and Serbo-Croatian.

"One of our primary aims is to make Turkey known around the world, to transmit an objective and accurate image of the country," said Reymann Somer, overseas broadcasts director of state-run Turkish Radio and Television.

"We have deep yearnings for anything from home that is difficult for us to fully appreciate here," Somer said.

"We try to give them everything from home news to traffic reports during summer holidays, music, a children's club, new customs regulations and early morning recitations of the Holy Quran." Turkey's population is 99 percent Muslim.

"We welcome all letters, even angry ones. Some Turks even come and visit us here at the station and that is what we really appreciate," he said.

Housewives from Britain write to the VOT for more Turkish recipes. Danish listeners request Turkish stamps.

Nostalgic fans from the United States ask for songs recorded by British rock singer Cat Stevens before he gave up the glittering music world to become the Muslim Yusuf Islam. His wife is Turkish.

"Some people have the impression that overseas radio broadcasts are supposed to dab-

ble in espionage, with secret messages and political propaganda. Probably because most of occupied Europe used to listen in the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) in World War Two.

"Although we do give political news, we adhere strictly to official foreign policy and always consult the foreign ministry to rule out compromising broadcasts," Somer said.

Until the overthrow of hardline communist leader Todor Zhivkov last November, Somer said, Bulgaria was the only country from which no listener's letters arrived.

He said special stations had jammed VOT broadcasts to Bulgaria's estimated 1.5 million ethnic Turks, banned from using the Turkish language under a campaign of record assimilation begun in 1984.

"A very rare letter from Bulgaria was brought to us by a driver into whose hands the envelope was wordlessly slipped by an ethnic Turk as the driver made a brief roadside stop."

A staff of 250 run the services from a five-story block in central Ankara.

But the new transmitters will be set up in Emirler south of Ankara, in what PTT officials say will be one of the world's most modern stations.

The only Chinese translator on VOT, who reads out his texts, has to work by Longhand. "We don't have a typewriter with Chinese characters," Somer said.

**FAMILY DOCTOR**  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## New treatment for varicose veins

QUESTION: My legs look terrible. They are crisscrossed with many unsightly varicose veins, which I have in both legs. I understand that a treatment is available that does not require surgery for the removal of the veins. Do you know of any such treatment? How does it work?

ANSWER: I think you're alluding to a type of treatment called "compressing sclerotherapy," which is useful for treating superficial varicose veins. A sclerosing solution (used to thicken walls of the vein and obliterate it) causing it to collapse or seal off. Approximately 3 per cent sodium tetradecyl sulfate is injected into the veins. Anywhere from three to 10 injections can be made into each leg. After the injections, the leg is tightly bandaged. These bandages are removed only after the medication has had a chance to act.

If the varicose veins are small and not too prominent, many people can be satisfied with the results obtained from surgical elastic stockings that can control varicose veins in many individuals. Using these stockings properly, putting them on each morning while still in bed, when the veins have diminished during the night, and wearing them faithfully all day every day may be just enough to allow the veins to return to normal size and function. These stockings are frequently used after most types of treatments for varicose veins, to help in healing and maintaining good results.

Incidentally, even with surgical stripping where varicose veins are actually removed, between 33 per cent and 45 per cent of sclerotherapy for residual or recurrent varicose veins. Although the cosmetic results in each of these procedures

may not be all you desire, treatment can prevent the condition from progressing.

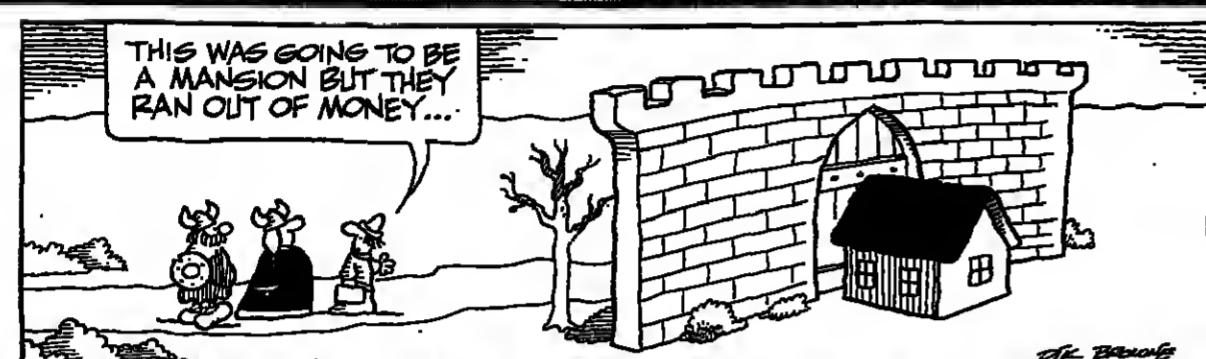
QUESTION: I frequently seem to suffer from dry eyes that bother me most after I've been asleep and try to open them. There are no cruds and my eyes don't appear red or inflamed. The problem is gradually getting worse. Is there anything you can tell me to help?

ANSWER: You should definitely see your physician for a personal opinion, but here is my guess as to what will happen. He or she will probably prescribe eye drops (artificial tears) to help decrease the dryness, but also should measure your tear production to check for a chronic inflammatory disorder called Sjogren's syndrome. A dry mouth is the other common sign, so your doctor also would evaluate your salivary gland secretions.

For some people with Sjogren's, these are the only mucous membranes involved, while for others there is dryness at various other sites on the body. Another common characteristic of the disorder is arthritis or joint inflammation, occurring in about one-third of patients. Swollen parotid glands, which are usually firm, but moderately tender, also can be found in about one-third of the patients with this syndrome.

Approximately one in 2,000 individuals suffer from Sjogren's syndrome, and it tends to affect women over 40 more than others. The cause is unknown, but is considered by many experts to be an abnormality of the immune system. Treatment is aimed

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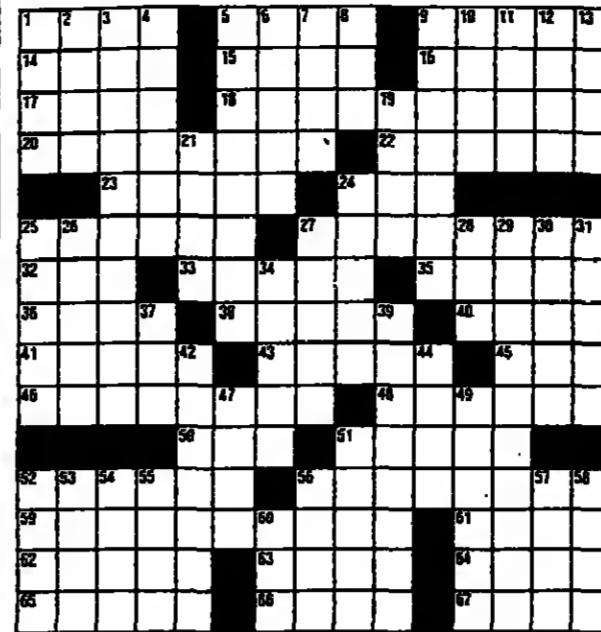
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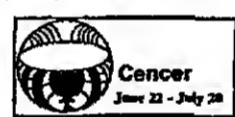
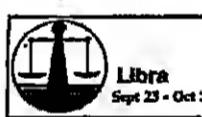
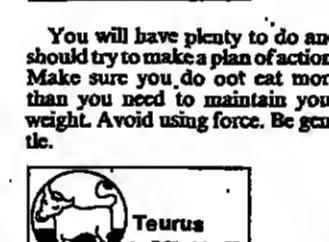
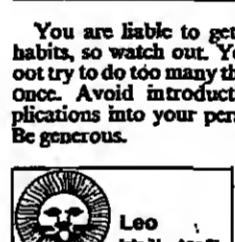
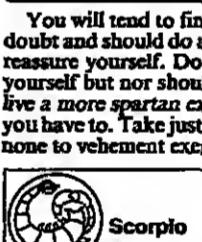
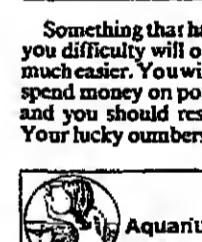
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April 21 - May 20Leo  
July 22 - Aug 22Scorpio  
Oct 23 - Nov 22Aquarius  
Jan 20 - Feb 18

You will have plenty to do and should try to make a plan of action. Make sure you do not eat more than you need to maintain your weight. Avoid using force. Be gentle.

Gemini  
May 21 - June 20

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Virgo  
Aug 22 - Sept 22

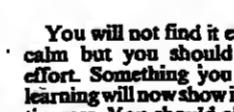
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Nov 23 - Dec 22

Something that has been causing you difficulty will now prove to be much easier. You will be tempted to spend money on pointless pursuits and you should restrain yourself. Your lucky numbers are 17 and 29.

Pisces  
Feb 19 - March 20

You will tend to be rather resentful and should try to restrain yourself. You should take better care of your health. Do not try to use force where persuasion has failed. Be peaceful.

Leo  
July 22 - Aug 22

A little time spent tidying up will prove to be well worthwhile. There will be some distractions but if you concentrate hard you will be able to avoid them. Make sure you do not eat more sweet things than you know should. Be reliable.

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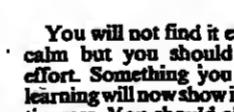
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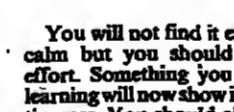
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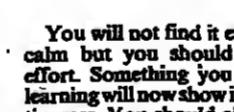
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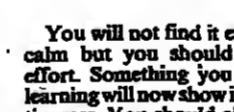
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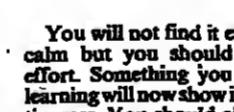
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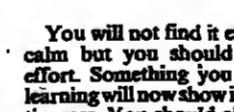
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England diver Tony Ali stretches his teammate, Jason Statham's back (front), before a training session for the Games. (Reuter wirephoto)



New Zealand policemen stand guard at the entrance to the Mount Smart Stadium. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Sheehan takes five-shot lead in Golf classic**

**MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Jan 21, (Reuter):** Patty Sheehan cut through a second day of blustery winds to shoot a three-under-par 68 yesterday and take a five-stroke lead after two rounds of the \$50,000 Jamaica Classic.

Sheehan, who shot a 69 on the 6,191-yard Tryall Club course in windy conditions on Friday, shot one better despite gusts up to 48 kph for a 36-hole total of 137.

Lynn Connelly, who struggled to a 74 in the opening round, matched Sheehan's 68 to stand alone in second place at even-par 142.

First-round leader Liselotte Neumann of Sweden soared to a nine-over-par 80 and was 11 shots off the pace at 148.

Sheehan was the only player in the field to string successive sub-par rounds under the difficult conditions. "The wind was similar to yesterday," said Sheehan.

Connelly said her preparation for this opening event of the LPGA Tour had helped her.

"I have been practising in Florida for the last two weeks and it has been windy there. I think that has helped me tremendously," Connelly said.



Campbell Conference's Alain Lefebvre in action during a fast skate competition during a break in the NHL games. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Nicholls traded to Rangers**

**PITTSBURGH, Jan 21, (Reuter):** Centre Bernie Nicholls of the Los Angeles Kings was traded to the New York Rangers for forwards Tiny Granato and Tomas Sandstrom as a long-rumoured deal was finally made official yesterday.

Nicholls, who led the National Hockey League with 70 goals last season, was disappointed at being dealt.

"I thought I'd be an L.A. King all my life," said Nicholls, 28. "I've been there nine years. I've got a lot of roots there."

Sandstrom, 25, is a talented Swede known for both his offensive prowess and his slick work.

Granato, a runner-up to teammate Brian Leetch for the Calder Trophy as the League's best rookie last season, was happy to be heading to Los Angeles.

## Africans will not boycott Commonwealth Games No England ban call: Ramsamy

**AUCKLAND, Jan 21, (Reuter):** A leading anti-apartheid campaigner today ruled out any threat of an African boycott of the Commonwealth Games and said there would be no call for England's expulsion.

Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc), a London-based anti-apartheid lobby group, said the Games would not be affected by a current rebel England cricket tour of South Africa.

"There are no moves for a boycott and I don't think the expulsion of England is on," he said after arriving in Auckland.

"My information is that there will be no action to disturb these Games. All the countries are here to pay homage to the work done by New Zealand."

His comments followed media speculation that African countries, angered by the rebel tour, would call for England's expulsion from the Games or repeat their boycott of the 1986 Edinburgh Games if the call were not heeded.

The speculation was dismissed as "wild and irresponsible" by David Dixon, secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), yesterday.

However, Ramsamy did not discount the possibility that African nations would take some unspecified action against the English sports authorities.

"Most African countries feel England isn't doing enough against South African sports contacts except for mouthing platitudes," he said.

As African teams have gathered in Auckland for the Games which will open on Wednesday there have been indications that they may decide to curb future sporting contacts with English teams.

Ramsamy said the African nations were seeking a means of halting the sequence of rebel visits to South Africa by cricket,

rugby and athletics teams.

Referring to the current England cricket tour, he condemned violent South African police action against anti-apartheid protesters when the team arrived in Johannesburg on Friday.

"The whole world is upset by their arrival and the problem was magnified by the action of the police, which created unprovoked chaos," Ramsamy said.

England's Sebastian Coe, twice the Olympic 1,500 metres champion, described the rebel cricketers as "a group of mercenaries," at a news conference today.

"This tour doesn't represent mainstream British sport," he said. "The majority of people back home are appalled by it. We are ashamed of it as most of the African nations."

Coe, who has been selected as a candidate for Britain's ruling Conservative Party in the next general election, said it was a shame that "yet again" a rebel tour had been scheduled to coincide with a major championship.

■ Australia's swimmers, far from repentant about the bitter rivalry with Canada which has turned the pool at previous Games into a psychological war zone, are preparing for an even bigger battle of wills in Auckland.

"It is great," said Australian head coach Don Talbot of the frenzied team chanting, clenched fists and gamesmanship which both sides employed in an attempt to psyche each other out at the Brisbane Games eight years ago.

"That is one of the ways of winning it," Talbot said today. "I don't look on it as something negative but as something positive — young people getting themselves ready to compete."

Canada, one of the prime exponents of one-upmanship in the days of the volatile Victor

Davis, had hoped to play down the psychological warfare this time for the sake of their young and less-experienced team.

But Talbot said the Australians planned no let-up. "If you go to the Northern Hemisphere they all do it, they have done it for years, and I think it is time we did a lot more," he said. "Where's the harm in it?"

Talbot declined to give details of the Australians' plans but previous teams have employed loud hooters, air horns, drums and send-ups of the Haka, the Maori war dance.

In 1982 the four men of the "Mean machine," as their relay team were dubbed, appeared for their race with shaved heads in a move, they freely admitted, designed to unnerve their opponents.

■ Canada's swimmers in the past have been responsible for some of the most provocative acts at the pool.

At the Edinburgh Games four years ago a flag-draped Canadian threatened to soak Scottish officials with a bucket of water after feelings between the two teams ran high during a close race.

■ Canadian Ben Johnson, officially stripped of his world records in the 100-metre and indoor 50-and 60-metre dashes, is likely to lose his Commonwealth 100-metre record Tuesday.

Johnson's name was erased from the record books by the International Amateur Athletic Federation in Tokyo Saturday following the sprinter's admitted use of performance-enhancing drugs from 1981 until he tested positive at the Seoul Olympics on Sept 24, 1988.

His 100-metre world record time of 9.83 seconds set at the 1987 world championships also stood as the Commonwealth record, but officials said this was likely to be erased Tuesday.



Murray MacDonald, one of the 1,700 Maori warriers performing at the opening ceremony of the Games, yells a war cry prior to rehearsals at Mount Smart Stadium. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 49ers heading for New Orleans

**SANTA CLARA, California, Jan 21, (AP):** The San Francisco 49ers have conducted a final, 90-minute workout at their training facility here and planned to head for New Orleans to prepare for the Super Bowl on Jan 28.

"We've got the foundation of our game plan in," coach George Seiffert said yesterday. "We've covered mostly all areas except for short yardage."

Free safety Ronnie Lott (thigh bruise), rookie running back Keith Henderson (pinched neck nerve) and rookie tight end Wesley Walls (flu) did not practice yesterday. Only Henderson is questionable for the game against Denver, with special teams captain and backup fullback Harry Sydney in line to replace him.

Seiffert's predecessor, Bill Walsh, was a guest at practice for the first time in several weeks. Walsh chatted with the coaches and then joked to reporters that he had "decided to take over" as he headed into the closed locker room.

The players were in an upbeat mood after the practice without pads.

"I'm like a big kid — I'm excited about it," said linebacker Keena Turner, one of five 49ers to play on all three of San Francisco's Super Bowl championship teams. "I don't think you can ever get enough of them."

Chet Brooks, who took over Fuller's strong safety job when Fuller suffered a serious nerve injury on Oct 22, is one of the few San Francisco starters who has no Super Bowl experience. Brooks, a second-year player, finished his rookie season on injured reserve

with a left knee injury.

"I haven't played in the Super Bowl, so I'm trying to make sure guys stay focused," he said. "I want to play in this and I want to win it."

Cornerback Tim McKey, who has asked to be traded, might not get another chance to play in the super bowl for the 49ers. He said again that he just wants to be judged on how he performs on the field, not on any controversial remarks he might make.

Asked how he would defend against 49ers' wide receiver Jerry Rice, the always outspoken McKey said: "I'd throw that blanket on him, man ... God has blessed me with the skills and the tools to actually go out there and back it (talk up)."

"When I leave out of the locker room, I've got the big 's' on my chest. That's my mentality, that's the way I approach the game, whether I make a great play or whether I get ripped — it doesn't matter."

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Candlestick Park by the Minnesota Vikings and finally replaced by Steve Young as the wild-card Vikings beat the heavily favoured 13-2 49ers to proceed to the NFC title game. After the heavily favoured 13-2 49ers to proceed to the NFC title game. After the game, a Bay area columnist writes: "I expect to see Steve Young at quarterback next fall."

Flash to the present...

Coming off a third Super Bowl victory won by a masterfully engineered 89-yard drive capped by his 10-yard pass to John Taylor, Montana has his greatest year, perhaps the greatest year of any quarterback ever.

Despite a litany of injuries that permeates his second page in the press guide — "Hurt elbow in fourth quarter," "injured ribs," "reinjured ribs," "injured left knee" — he has the best season of a career that would have put him in the hall of fame in any case.

He becomes just the second quarterback ever to complete more than 70 per cent of his passes; his rating of 112.4 is the highest ever since the NFL adopted its devilish system two decades ago; he adds his first Most Valuable Player award to two Super Bowl MVPs and his named Player of the '80s.

He could have retired after that third Super Bowl a year ago.

"After each Super Bowl, I've asked him when he wants to get on with the rest of his life," says his wife Jennifer, co-host on a San Francisco talk show who Montana routinely credits for his success along with his coaches, his offensive line, his receivers, his running backs and the San Francisco defense. "He always said 'maybe when I'm older.'

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Sharon Davis of England puts on her swimming goggles before her training session for the Commonwealth Games. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Rothmans sails into freak storm

IT was an unforeseen finish to the third leg of the 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World Race for the crew of the Rothmans yacht recently. With the 21 leading New Zealand yachts, Steinlager 2 and Fisher & Paykel, skipper of Rothmans Lawrie Smith was still driving the yacht in an all out effort to be first into Auckland as the top 4 yachts rounded the northern tip of New Zealand at about 6 pm.

With only a few miles separating the race leaders on the final run to the finish line disaster struck for Rothmans when a local squall hit the fleet. Intent on keeping ahead of Merit, the crew did not notice the approaching storm which only minutes before it wreaked havoc with Fisher & Paykel's sails. The result was a blown out spinnaker, a broken headboard car at the top of the mast and precious minutes lost while a temporary trysail was set before the damage could be repaired. Rothmans was forced to watch the chance of a top 3 placing slip away from her as Merit recovered and got away.

After 3,400 miles of racing this was another close finish between the top 4 yachts with Steinlager crossing the line at 12.33 pm local time (04/23/33/00 GMT), Fisher & Paykel 6 minutes later, Merit at 1.44 pm local time (05/00/54/37 GMT). The thousands of spectators lining the shore were disappointed not to witness the spectacular display of matchrac-

ches, almost becalmed, could only creep along at 3-4 knots.

On New Year's Day the Rothmans crew had a double celebration having closed the gap on the rival Kiwi yachts, the Argos satellite plot showing her equal with Steinlager 2. Capturing the wind once more, the yachts regained the lead and passed Cape Reinga yesterday morning ahead of the fleet on their way to a national welcome in their home port of Auckland.

Rothmans will spend the next 10 days out of water. Although she sustained very little damage on this leg, there are a few minor repairs to be made to the deck gear, mast and boom before going back into the water for a fortnight of promotional sailing and sail testing. The shore crew, as in every port, have the yacht facilities set up well in advance to ensure that the yacht is prepared for the next Southern Ocean leg back to Punta del Este in Uruguay. The 4th leg starts on February 4, 1990.

Elapsed Times — 3rd leg  
Fremantle to Auckland — GMT  
D H M S

Steinlager 2 12 17 33 00

Fisher & Paykel 12 17 39 04

Merit 12 18 44 17

Rothmans 12 18 54 37

Total Elapsed Times — 1st,

2nd & 3rd legs

Steinlager 2 65 19 54 11

Merit 66 10 03 33

Fisher & Paykel 67 05 59 50

Rothmans 67 09 31 05

mans then came back to hold the lead on the approach to New Zealand.

Lawrie's tactical decision to break away from the race leaders and head inshore along the western coast of New Zealand paid off giving Rothmans favourable wind conditions, while the ket-

**Bungee jumpers to plunge off roof**

**AUCKLAND, Jan 21, (Reuter):** Few athletes at the Commonwealth Games will experience a greater thrill than those who make a 40-metre headlong plunge off the roof of Mount Smart Stadium.

Exponents of bungee jumping, New Zealand's latest madcap craze, leap head first from terrifying heights with their feet attached to a strong length of elastic which prevents them hitting the ground — just.

Bungee jumping will feature in the Games opening ceremony on Wednesday and a number of visiting athletes have already watched in disbelief as various locals have flung themselves off a specially-hired crane projecting over the harbour.

The Bungee Bats Ltd tour company, one of half a dozen New Zealand firms licensed to operate commercial bungee jumping, also has a permit to send paying customers plummeting from the roof of Mount Smart Stadium, which will stage the opening ceremony and more conventional athletics events.

"Jumping off Mount Smart is so much more exciting than jumping over water. Psychologically, it's so much harder," said Bungee Bats operator Vicki Thornton.

"When you're on the edge you're looking out on to the whole middle

## Marshall helps Barbados take charge

BRIDGETOWN, Jan 21, (Reuters): Malcolm Marshall hammered a rapid half century and captured two wickets to help Barbados take control of their Red Stripe Cup cricket match against Guyana yesterday.

The West Indies fast bowler started the second day of the four-day match by hitting 59 and sharing a sixth wicket stand of 103 with Thelston Payne, who scored a fine

101 not out, his sixth first-class century.

Barbados extended their overnight 301 for five to 452 for eight before declaring an hour after lunch.

Marshall then struck two blows with the new ball, removing opener Sudeesh Dharam and without scoring in the fourth over of the innings and having Andrew Jackman bow with the total 30.

Clayton Lambert made 51 and Carl

Hooper, seeking a Test recall, scored an unbeaten 55 to lift Guyana to 145 for four at the close.

Cup leaders the Leeward Islands took a firm grip against Trinidad and Tobago on the second day in Port of Spain.

An unbeaten 77 by Livingstone Harris hoisted the Leewards from their overnight 58 for six to 145 all out — 57 ahead on first innings — and Trinidad suffered their

second collapse of the match and were 82 for six at the close.

### Scores

In Bridgetown: Barbados 452 for eight declared (Gordon Greenidge 128, Thelston Payne 101 not out, Desmond Haynes 59, Malcolm Marshall 59), Guyana 145 for four (Carl Hooper 55 not out, Claytoo Lambert 51).



Nebiolo talks with officials prior to the news conference. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Hughes scuttles Pakistan

### Australia take control of 2nd Test

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 21, (Reuters): Fast bowler Merv Hughes produced a devastating burst of four for 11 in 27 deliveries to give Australia the upper hand in the second cricket test against Pakistan today.

Hughes reduced Pakistan, 84 behind on first innings, to 22 for four before captain Imran Khan

and Javed Miandad, batting with a runner because of a back injury, checked the collapse in an unbroken stand of 51.

Pakistan were 73 for four at the close of the third day with Imran, unbeaten 60, and Miandad, 16 not out, holding the key to their prospects of survival. They trail 1-0 in the three-Test series after

losing the first match in Melbourne by 92 runs.

Imran's team had earlier fought back by taking Australia's last five wickets for 13 as they slumped from 328 for five to 341 all out in reply to Pakistan's 257.

However, the touring side's delight at polishing off the Aus-

tralian first innings swiftly was short-lived as their top order batting was wrecked by Hughes' second ball spell.

Hughes had Shoaib Mohammad caught behind without scoring in his first over, and then induced wicketkeeper Salim Yousuf to sunder an onwicket to Mark Taylor in the slips after scoring just one.

After having Ejaz Ahmed caught in the gully by Peter Taylor for four, making the score seven for three, Hughes claimed his fourth wicket when Rameez Raja was caught by Steve Waugh at second slip for two. The Victoria pace bowler ended the day with four for 24 from 14 overs.

When Australia resumed in the morning at 259 for five, Dean Jones and Peter Taylor batted through the first session to complete a century partnership during which Jones reached his eighth Test hundred.

Their sixth wicket stand produced 112 altogether and lifted the total to 328 before Taylor was run out for 33 shortly after lunch.

Jones was finally out for 116, caught at point when he chased a wide delivery from Imran, having batted 331 minutes and hitting seven fours. He had managed only 54 runs in eight previous innings against Paki-

stan. Opener Geoff Marsh, who broke his thumb on Friday while taking a catch and retired hurt

earlier in the innings, returned to the crease and added seven to his score before being caught behind off paceman Wasim Akram for 13.

Akram, Man-of-the Match in the first Test for his 11-wicket haul, cleaned up the tail to finish with five for 100.

### Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings 257 (Javed Miandad 52, Wasim Akram 52 C. Ricketts 52, S. Waqar 52 C.

AUSTRALIA first innings

G. Marsh c Yousuf b Wasim 13

D. Boon lbw b Wasim 28

M. Taylor lbw b Imran 77

A. Border b Waqar 13

D. Jones c Wasim b Imran 116

L. Heath c sub b Waqar 17

P. Taylor run out 32

M. Hughes not out 40

C. Campbell lbw b Wasim 0

S. Waugh lbw b Wasim 25

Extras (b-1 lb-5 w-1) 25

Total 341

Fall: 1-82-2-113-156-1885-2165-328-7-326-8-341

Bowling: Wasim 43-10-100-5 (nb-7), Waqar 26-4-66-2 (nb-3), Mushtaq 23-4-69-0, Imran 27-6-61-2 (nb-3), Tauseef 14-1-33-0.

PAKISTAN second innings

Shoaib Mohammad c Heath b Hughes 0

Rameez Raja c Waugh b Hughes 2

Salim Yousuf c. M. Taylor b Hughes 1

Ejaz Ahmed c P. Taylor b Hughes 4

Imran Khan not out 43

Javed Miandad not out 16

Extras (b-1 lb-5 w-1) 7

Total (four wickets) 73

Fall of wickets: 1-0-2-23-7-4-22

Bowling (to date): Hughes 14-6-24-4 (w-1), Campbell 11-2-26-0, Ricketts 10-7-7-0, Taylor 8-4-10-0.

Jones: completed his ton

Hughes: took four for 24

### Kuwait Little League

## Red Sox outlast White Sox

THE two senior Kuwait Little League teams started off their second half of the season with cool weather but some great playing. The Al Ghurair team, the hosts, San Jay Puri's kings, brought in 2 runs. The boys were mostly walking to first but Azz Al Arfa and George Jamali managed singles. There are lots of stolen bases and the Red Sox scored 12 runs.

The White Sox were slow to start scoring. Robbie Mason and Mohamed Khan were the only runners to score the first two innings. Mohamed had a two run hit on Red Sox fielding errors. Robbie Mason hit a two run ball in the third inning for an in the part home run. But the boys couldn't catch up. At the end of five innings, Red Sox 12, White Sox 9.

The Mariners and Mets met twice. Their regularly scheduled game was a close one. Ziad Sakhieh hit a home run for the Mariners earning 2 RBIs for the Mariners

and Cubs battle it out. The Braves big hitters were Osama Alshabani with a triple and Al Faraj with a triple. Faraj, Daged, Almar Almar, Abd Elhameed, Rashed and Skyler Moss, all hit doubles.

The Braves out hit the Cubs winning the game 22-17.

The Royals and Tigers went at it for game 3. The Royals Salman Al Zuhair, Farrah Hawan, and Christopher Khouli all hit singles and were able to score in the first inning.

The Tigers never stopped hitting and scoring. Along with the 2 home runs hit by the Tigers, were singles by Ali, Rashed, Zalatimo, Ahmed Al Qasif, Noha Abdelsalam and Joshua Dicnler, Sarah Todd, Ahmed Galal, Rami Hammam, Karim Fahsah and Ahmed Al Qasif.

The Tigers beat the Royals 34-3.

### Results

T-Ball

Braves 28 Cubs 17

# Lendl brushes aside Youl Umpire disqualifies McEnroe



Porwik in action in today's match. (Reuter wirephoto)

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 21. (Reuter): World number one Ivan Lendl looked poised to make the most of John McEnroe's disqualification for swearing at officials today as he continued his bid to retain the Australian Open title.

Lendl, the tournament's top seed, was safely back in the locker room before the McEnroe fireworks in a match with Swede Mikael Pernfors started, having produced his best form so far to beat Australian wildcard Simon Youl 6-1 6-3 6-1.

He now meets 19-year-old Soviet player Andrei Cherkasov in the quarterfinals, with the potential threat of fourth seed McEnroe removed if he advances to the last four.

Cherkasov produced one of the day's early upsets by unseating ninth seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador 2-6 6-3 7-6 7-6.

He was joined in the men's quarter-finals by Frenchman Yannick Noah, a 6-3 6-4 3-6 6-2 winner over American Pete Sampras, and Pernfors, the beneficiary of McEnroe's disqualification.

In the women's singles, Steffi Graf again failed to hit her best form but still beat Italy's Raffaella Reggi 6-2 6-3.

The main surprise was the performance of 16-year-old American amateur Angelica Gavaldon, who continued her fairy-tale progress into the last eight, by beating 15th-seeded American Gigi Fernandez.

Sixteenth seed Barbara Paulus of Austria also disappeared, beaten 7-5 6-2 by another American, Patty Fendick.

The fourth-seed McEnroe's problems began in the third set of a tight match in which he failed to reproduce the form that had captivated the crowd in his three earlier matches.

After a line call went against him, he fixed the female line judge with a fierce glare and received a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Then, leading two sets to one but trailing 3-2 in the fourth, he smashed his racket into the rubberised rebound ace surface causing it to bounce above his head.

The tournament's fourth seed was penalised a point for racket abuse and, unable to contain himself, launched a volley of verbal abuse at the officials around the umpire's chair which prompted his downfall.

He was later fined \$500 for racket abuse, \$3,000 for verbal abuse and an extra \$1,000 for being defaulted. He will be allowed to keep his prize money for reaching the fourth round which totalled \$26,000.

"I don't feel good about it but I can't say I'm totally surprised," said McEnroe, unaware until later that the astonished crowd had slow, hand-clapped and chanted his name for 10 minutes after he left centre court.

Asked if he would have behaved differently had he been

fully aware of the rules governing defaulting, McEnroe replied: "I probably wouldn't have said what I said. If you're one step from defaulting you don't want to end the match like that."

Graf stretched her unbeaten streak at the Australian Open to 18 matches since 1988 but warned her remaining rivals in the women's singles that she had considerable room for improvement.

The success of Gavaldon, a precocious teenage Tina Turner lookalike, took even the young Californian by surprise.

Her 6-3 1-6 6-1 win over Fernandez qualified her for a quarterfinal clash with West German Claudia Porwik, a 7-6 3-6 6-4 winner over South Africa's Dink van Rensburg.

In the absence of the injured Gabriela Sabatini, third seed Zina Garrison kept up her bid to reach her first Grand Slam final when her opponent Catherine Tanvier had to retire through injury in the second set of their match.

■ A hobbling Gabriela Sabatini today blamed bad luck rather than the court surface for her painful exit from the Australian Open yesterday.

The Argentinian world number three, who twisted her ankle during her third round match with Claudia Porwik on centre court, said the injury felt better

though she did not expect to resume playing for at least two weeks.



John McEnroe throws his racket (left) and later shows his emotion after being defaulted. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Sri Lanka collapse against spinners

SYDNEY, Jan 21, (Reuter): Spinners Greg Matthews and Mark O'Neill caused a collapse in which Sri Lanka's last eight wickets tumbled for 63, giving New South Wales victory by 81 runs in a one-day cricket match at Coft's Harbour near Sydney.

Sri Lanka, facing a New South Wales score of 262 for four from their 50 overs, were promisingly placed at 118 for two in 22 overs with Asanka Gurushina and Aravinda de Silva sharing a stand of 61.

But when former test off-spinner Matthews and Gurushina caught in the gully by Richard Stobbs off the final delivery of his first over for 39, the touring team crumbled.

Their last eight wickets went in 75-minutes and they were dismissed for 181 in 41.4 overs.

Matthews ended with four for 22, leg spinner O'Neill took three for 36, and the other wicket to fall during the collapse was the running out of Aravinda de Silva for 43.

New South Wales had punished a Sri Lanka attack missing pace bowlers Graeme Labrooy and Romesh Ratsayake, who were both injured.

Opener Steve Small hit 101, winning the Man of the Match award, and put on 121 in 87 minutes for the second wicket with Trevor Bayliss, who struck an unbeaten 97 in 93 deliveries. His innings contained five sixes and two fours.

### Scoreboard

NEW SOUTH WALES

S. Small c Samarasakera b Gurushina 101  
P. Bayliss c Jayasuriya b Asoka de Silva 121

T. Bayliss not out 31  
M. O'Neill c Samarasakera b Gurushina 11  
M. Waugh b Gurushina 8

B. McNamara not out 13  
Extras (1-1b-8w-2nb) 13  
Total (for wickets 1-8) 299 overs 202

Total (for wickets 1-7) 217 32-242 4-259

Bowling: Raina 8-0-40-0 (1w), Raina 10-3-39-0 (2nb), Wiegand 8-0-36-0, Raina 9-1-42-0, Aravinda de Silva 8-0-34-1, Asoka de Silva 8-0-34-1 (1w).

SRI LANKA

R. Mahanama c Lawson b Holdsworth 12  
A. Samarasakera b Lawson 44

A. Gurushina c Stobbs b Matthews 39  
A. Ratsayake c Enright b Matthews 2

A. de Silva c Lawson b Matthews 43  
H. Tilakaratne c M. Waugh b Matthews 17

R. Tilakaratne lbw b O'Neill 2

S. Jayasuriya c M. Waugh b Matthews 6

C. Ratsayake b O'Neill 3

A. de Silva not out 3

L. Wigand c Matthews b Waugh b O'Neill 6  
Extras (1-1b-2w-3) 6

Total (41.4 overs) 181

Fall of wickets 1-44 2-57 3-118 4-134 5-

151 6-157 7-166 8-177

Bowling: Lawson 6-0-33-1 (1w), Holdsworth 7-0-37-0, M. Waugh 5-0-28-0, C. Ratsayake 6-0-36-0 (1w), Matthews 10-0-22-4, O'Neill 9-4-1-56

Result: New South Wales won by 81 runs.



McEnroe (left) is consoled by Pernfors after being defaulted. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Kania denies making doping confession

AMSTERDAM, Jan 21, (Reuter): East German former speed skating world champion Karin Kania denied today she had ever taken banned stimulants and said a recent interview in which she seemed to confess to drug abuse had been misinterpreted.

Speaking on Dutch television, Kania said she was referring to proteins and vitamins when she told French-language speed skating channel TV-5 she had used preparations to improve her performance.

The report caused a major stir in the Netherlands, where speed skating is immensely popular, and the East German Skating Federation said on Thursday it would investigate the claims.

"I just couldn't believe my ears when they presented it as if I had confessed to using doping," Kania, a 10-times world champion, said. "I meant proteins and vitamins."

"I've never used stimulants ... I've never needed them," she added. "In 16 world championships I've always been tested and I've always tested negative."

Kania, formerly Karin Enke, dominated speed skating throughout the 80s. She retired two years ago after winning two silvers and a bronze at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary to add to the two golds and two silvers she won four years previously in Sarajevo.

## Monroes move ahead

THE dawning of a new decade in the Mouschel Monday Darts League could also spell the end of 2-1/2 years of Baggs' dominance. After the first round of matches into the New Year, League leadership has been relinquished to new super-team Monroes.

Visiting 3rd placed Campanologists, who had their full squad altogether for the first time, Baggs looked a little jaded after the one month lay off and performed well below their normal standard. John Watson had 2 140's in 4 high scores as he led the way in ringing up a first defeat of the season for the reigning champions. A better performance from Nightflights, however, as they took a point from Apperlers despite having been 2-0 ahead.

With an easy away fixture at bottom team Stars of the Yeast, Monroes victory was no surprise, and Marilyn's similar success means that they head both men's and ladies Leagues. Erik Christensen started brightly with a 140 and a 108 finish, as his 3 high scores kept him ahead in the most number of high scores trophy. Joan Finnegan's 116 earned her a trophy and Stella Gardner moved to the head of the ladies high scoring league with her 3rd, a 2mm treble shot and she now leads fellow Star Barbara Marks by virtue of having made a higher score.

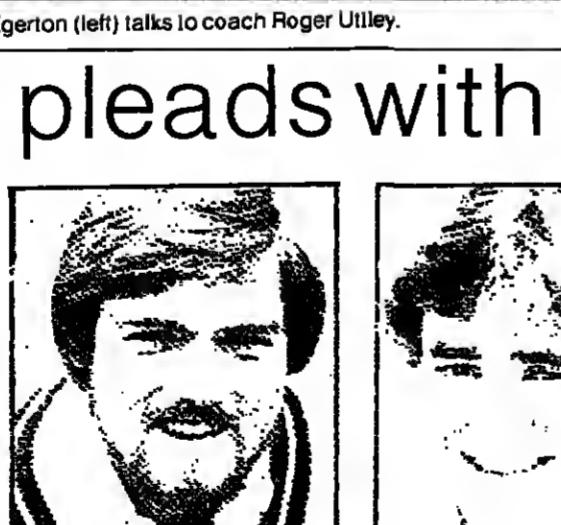
Exiles did themselves no good at all in going down badly to Cottar Hoose. Brendan Richardson, Peter Maciejewski and Martyn Rix all hit 140s as Peter Granowski chipped in with 3 high scores as the Hoose Boys won all 4 singles matches.

As the Tyne Tees/Brahma & Lizz game was postponed Cottar Hoose now move up to 4th, but a good run of results from one of these mid-table teams is required if the top three sides are going to be seriously challenged.

Ragamuffins only remain on the fringe despite beating TCF comfortably, aided by 3 100's from Dave Bosworth. Although his steady dull deserted him in the latter stages, Bosworth lit up an otherwise dull encounter, as his burning desire to win inspired his teammates to success.

The following is a full results summary of Mouschel Monday Darts League for last week, with ladies scores in brackets:

Campanologists	(2)	5	Baggs	(2)	1
Exiles	(1)	1	Cottar Hoose		
TCF	(4)	1	Ragamuffins		
Stars of the Yeast	(1)	1	Monroes	(3)	5



Mike Gatting



Chris Cowdry



Greg Thomas



David Graveney

ting nearly three hours, the squad feasted on barbecued lamb at Bacher's home.

The only minor problem for the visitors has been upset stomachs for Chris Cowdry and Greg Thomas which caused each to miss a practice session.

Some of the bowlers are a bit stiff but that is to be expected after a layoff for several months since the end of the English season," said tour manager David Graveney.

## Bacher pleads with police for restraint

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 21, (Reuter): South African cricket chief Ali Bacher said yesterday he had appealed to police to use more restraint following the ugly airport scenes which prefaced the arrival of England's rebel team.

Ten people were arrested and several injured at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts airport on Friday when police used dogs and tear-gas against protesters opposing the tour, which breaks international sporting sanctions against the apartheid republic.

The demonstration took place about three hours before the 16-man squad, led by former England captain Mike Gatting, arrived on a flight delayed because of a bomb hoax in London.

"It has reinforced my viewpoint that people should have the right to hold demonstrations and have freedom of expression as long as it is peaceful," Bacher told reporters.

"I spoke with people high up in the security police and strongly urged them to show as much restraint as possible if it happened

again." Bacher refused to name the officials he spoke to or say what their response was.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said he did not know of Bacher's conversation and was unable to comment.

Bacher, prime organiser of the tour, said he believed political changes in South Africa in the

"A lot of obstacles may soon be removed. There has been talk of the lifting of the state of emergency and other major steps. I feel a lot of positive things will happen and this will become just a cricket tour," said Bacher.

■ Mike Gatting and his band of rebel cricketers, having weathered the initial protest their arrival caused, relaxed here today over a traditional South African barbecue.

After a strenuous workout las-

### BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Central Bridge Club game played on Saturday, N/S  
1. Khalil Akeel & Narendra Shah  
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